OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA
FELLOWSHIP REGISTRY

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Duration/Start: 12 months – generally beginning July 1 but with some flexibility

Grade: Completion of at least 5 years of residency in anaesthesia and possession of the FRCP(C) (or equivalent) are required (Post fellowship SpR, or equivalent). The ideal applicant will have a demonstrated interest in obstetric anaesthesia. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. The Children’s & Women’s Health Centre of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity.

General: The selected applicant will spend half of his/her time on clinical research and half on clinical service. It is expected that during their year a fellow will design and complete a clinical research project that will be presented at a meeting. There is the opportunity to audit courses at the University of British Columbia on statistics. It is expected that the fellow will develop a protocol, obtain ethics approval, recruit subjects for their study and be involved with ensuring accurate data collection and statistical analysis. Ultimately, the results will be presented at a meeting and will be submitted for publication. Many of our fellows also publish a review for a journal or book during their year. Active participation in the teaching program is expected with the fellow taking responsibility for a weekly round involving staff, residents, medical students and fellows. As we are a teaching hospital fellows will generally be involved with direct teaching of the medical students and residents who rotate through our hospital.
In addition, the fellow will be expected to present at least once at formal Multidisciplinary Grand Rounds during the fellowship year.

During their year the fellow will manage both routine and high risk labours and deliveries and elective and emergency caesarean deliveries. As well they will consult in our high risk obstetrical clinic which also involves devising care plans for very complex parturients.

**Clinical:**
Fellows are expected to take call – initially with close supervision by a consultant/staff, anesthesiologist with the intent of taking on the full responsibilities of a consultant anaesthetist. The shifts include coverage of the labour/delivery suite from 0730 to 1800 with back-up coverage until 0730 the following morning (management of labour analgesia, anaesthesia for some emergency deliveries, labour ward consultations, etc), elective ORs from 0700-1800 (caesarean deliveries; cervical cerclages, etc); emergency coverage 1100-2300 (urgent/emergent caesarean deliveries, management of retained placenta, labour analgesia management from 1800-2300, postop pain management and follow-up, etc) These shifts differ on weekends and holidays. There are 14 consultant obstetric anaesthetists and a minimum of 2 anaesthetic providers are in-house at all times (may be a resident and consultant or fellow). The fellow’s on-call commitment is 1:4 weekends and 1:10 nights.

**Hospital:**
BC Women’s is the tertiary referral Women’s Hospital for the province of British Columbia. There are approximately 7,200 deliveries annually, about one third of which are “high risk” with a wide variety of obstetrical and medical complications. The current caesarean delivery rate is approximately 30% of which 1/3 are scheduled as elective cases.

**Summary:**
Our fellowship program has a long (23 years) history of excellence. We normally accept from one to three fellows each year. Fellows will have ample opportunity to hone their clinical skills during their year as well as learn the many challenges of clinical research. After completing this year the individual will be well prepared to assume the mantle of a consultant obstetric anaesthetist.