

Inpatient care at the Aberdeen Hospital



Dr. Whitney Lum and Dr. Simran Ohson; both family physicians at the Pictou West Clinic, reviewing a chart in the Aberdeen Hospital's Palliative Care Unit



Town Call

At the Aberdeen Hospital, our family physicians share on-call responsibility, providing after-hours access to a family physician.

Responsibilities can include:

- OR assists for emergency cases;
- Availability to answer questions or assess inpatients who are admitted family physician patients;
- Availability to answer questions or assess patients for community nursing homes;
- Back-up coverage to the emergency department when an ER physician requests due to long waiting room times.



Dr. Aaron Smith, a family physician at the Westville Medical Clinic



**1 in 15
(Twice per month)**



**Mon, Tues & Thurs
5pm - 8am next day**
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**Wed & Fri
12noon - 8am next day**
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**Sat & Sun
8am - 8am**



Physicians receive a call stipend, plus can bill for extra services (i.e. assessing a patient, OR assisting)



In-patient Rounds

The Aberdeen Hospital is a GP-run acute care hospital. Here, family physicians are responsible for their own patients when they are admitted to hospital. Some physicians choose to work collaboratively to provide inpatient coverage for their patients in a group rotation throughout the week and/or on weekends



How it works

Patients are usually admitted by the emergency room physician who writes admission orders, and then transfers care to the most responsible physician, or to the town call physician if after hours. The most responsible physician would be expected to see any admitted patients, and complete history and physical by the next day at noon.

If a patient is admitted to ICU, which is a closed unit, or to a specialist, it is not your responsibility to round on them, however you can choose to do a supportive care visit if desired.

Common admission diagnoses are for COPD exacerbation's, complicated UTI's, pneumonia, and new newborn care.



Your network

Our family physicians work collaboratively and have 24/7 access to consultants available to them in internal medicine, OBS/GYN, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, medical oncology, palliative care, pediatrics, radiology as well as sub-specialty consultants available by phone elsewhere in the Northern Zone, or in Halifax.

*Dr. Deborah Straub,
an Emergency Room
physician at the
Aberdeen Hospital*



Want to speak directly with one of our physicians about inpatient care? Contact nicole@healthypictoucounty.ca to speak with one of our physicians

*Dr. Brad MacDougall, a family physician
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