



Pender Islands Health Centre

Where Caring and Community Come Together

*We're looking for a Family Physician.
Look no further than here.*

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The Right Job: Pender Islands Medical Practice (1.0 FTE MD)



You're invited to consider a unique opportunity to join a busy family practice providing primary care and urgent episodic care at the Pender Islands Health Centre (<http://www.penderislandhealth.org>).

In this position you will join **two** other family physicians and a nurse practitioner, as well as a well-trained group of MOAs. The clinic is well-established, collegial and well-equipped, using MedAccess EMR. The clinic forms part of a larger health centre with a full suite of integrated health and wellness services. These include community and public health nurses, the Better at Home programs, lab collection, dentist, physiotherapist, massage therapist, chiropractor, crisis and mental health counsellors, and various community volunteer programs.

While meeting patient needs and the minimum contractual requirement of 1,680 hours/year, there is flexibility to establish clinic hours and workdays to suit your practice model. Remuneration is paid through an Alternate Payment Program Service contract. On-call responsibilities are shared 1:4 with colleagues on Mayne and Galiano Islands and compensated through a MOCAP level 2 contract.

There are no X-ray or inpatient facilities on Pender; patients requiring treatment beyond the scope of the clinic are sent to Vancouver Island by ferry or EHS water taxi or helicopter.

The BC Ambulance Service is situated beside the clinic and provides 24-hour ambulance service.

Specialist supports include RACE and e-RACE consultation and Real Time Virtual Support services, and phone consultation with specialists on Vancouver Island.

Physicians are eligible for membership in the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, Southern Gulf Islands Chapter. The pace of practice allows time for family life and enjoyment of the many recreational opportunities that Pender affords.

Benefits

May be eligible for additional remuneration in accordance with the Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) including:

- Recruitment Incentive - \$15,000
- Fee Premium – 10.71%
- Annual Flat Fee - \$12,328.74
- Rural CME starting at \$440 per annum for 2 years or less in community, increasing to a maximum of \$4,840 after 4 years.
- Rural GP Locum Program provides \$996/day to locum physician with 38 days per annum locum coverage to resident physician.

For details: www.healthmatchbc.org, and search on "Pender Island".

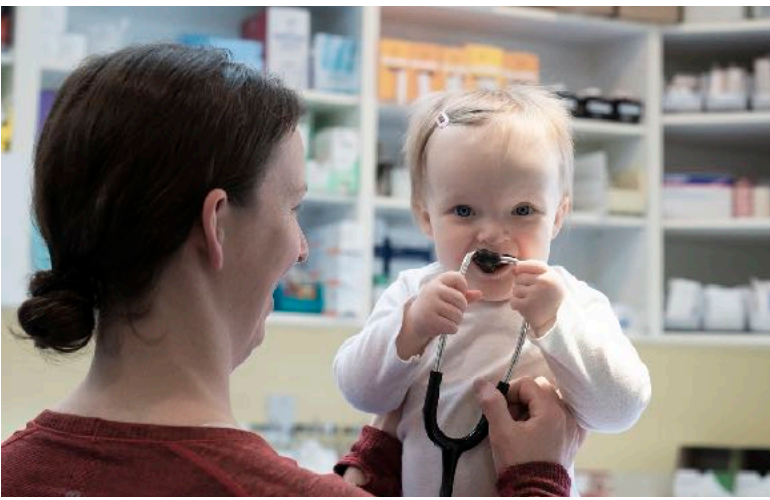




About the Pender Islands Health Care Society

Our Mission is to facilitate access to primary health care and complementary services to support the health and wellbeing of the Pender Islands community. To accomplish this important mandate, we:

- Manage the health care facility
- Enable the delivery of complementary health programs
- Seek and manage funding
- Engage the community to assess health and wellness needs
- Advocate for improved health services



Pender Islands Health Centre At-a-Glance: Where Caring & Community Come Together

Physician & NP FTEs	3
Health & wellness services & programs	~20
Annual booked medical appointments (2019)	7,333
Visits to all other health services (e.g., dental, health practitioners, lab, etc) (2019)	10,300
Unregistered patients seen for unscheduled, urgent visits (2021)	~300
Pender residents over age 65	40%
Population (2021) (up 28% since 2016)	2,773

Year	Our History: Built by the Community, for the Community
1960s	Bishop Michael Coleman retires on Pender and sees the need to build a clinic. He leads early planning but dies suddenly in 1969.
1970	Lions Club forms the Pender Islands Health Care Society to keep the dream alive. Frustration follows to gain government funding.
1979	After raising \$60K in local donations and years of lobbying, the Society gains funding of \$85K. Detailed planning begins.
1980	The community accepts a land donation opposite the school. Construction begins immediately, much of it done by volunteers.
1981	The new health centre opens on May 30, 1981!
1989	Ambulance Station is built beside the Health Centre.
1994	New East Wing opens space for home support and alternative therapies.
2008	\$1.4M expansion doubles the size of the facility with new medical wing, urgent treatment room & interior renovations. Paid for with \$700K from the community, and \$742K from governments.
2020	COVID spurs the need to address the Centre's aging infrastructure. Local donors are generous but stable funding becomes a priority.
2021	Community votes 85% in favour of funding operating costs for the Health Centre via the tax roll.



*Just imagine! The man (left) **born** in a rowboat in 1889 en route to the only nearby midwife on Mayne Island lived to attend the 1981 opening of the Pender Islands Health Centre.*

Our Island, Our Community

Nestled in the Southern Gulf Islands, beautiful Pender Island is "just right"; not too big and not too small. The permanent population of 2,800 permanent residents ebbs and flows with weekends and a large seasonal influx of visitors. Originally one island, North and South Pender were separated by a canal in 1903 and reconnected in 1955 by a one-lane bridge.

Combined with a large retirement population, there are a growing number of young families. Most people live in Magic Lake Estates on North Pender. The rest of the island is a mix of rural residential and niche agriculture. (Think winery, cidery, and market gardens.)

BC Ferries connects the Penders to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island 5x daily (40 min), and to Tsawwassen/Vancouver. Float plane service goes twice a day from/to the South Terminal at Vancouver International Airport.

Local businesses and services supply most necessities of life: a full grocery store, school up to Gr. 9, daycares, gas station, post office,

pharmacy, hardware stores, golf course; bakery, chocolate and coffee shops, two liquor stores, pubs and restaurants, B&Bs and upscale resorts. The weekly Farmers' Market is a popular attraction.

For a full directory of services and a list of **real estate agents**—including rental info—see penderislandchamber.com

Pender is known for its strong community feeling. Voluntarism is a hallmark of community life with many societies welcoming participation. A vibrant arts, culture and music scene includes choir, theatre, museum, library, and public and private galleries.

The monthly **Pender Post** (penderpost.org) and Pender Island On-line Market Facebook group are "go-tos" for news.

A wonderful range of outdoor activities awaits resident and visitor alike. Whether it's golfing, sailing, fishing, kayaking, hiking/walking, or gardening—it all happens in Canada's only Mediterranean climate—BC style!

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Be it parade or concert, you're either part of the talent or the audience!



(Below) Penderites love their Saturday Farmer's Market and varied arts events.



"It's like living in paradise!"



Community effort helped preserve the unique ecosystem of Brooks Point Regional Park.



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