



## **LOCUM POOL**

### **Overview**

The Regional Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Locum Pool balances the need of department members for flexibility to maintain a sustainable work-life balance with the Department's need for accountability in credentialing of physicians treating patients in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. Towards the first goal, the Locum Pool provides members at all sites equal access to a list of obstetrician gynaecologists looking for short-term contracts to cover existing practices. Towards the former goal, all physicians on the locum pool will be fully vetted through a rigorous credentialing process that provides credentials at all Vancouver Coastal Sites.

### **How to Apply**

Obstetrician gynaecologists who would like to provide short-term practice coverage for a physician with privileges at any Vancouver Coastal Health site will need to apply to the Locum Pool to get locum privileges. Prerequisites include completion of specialist training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, and a license for practice with the B.C. College of Physicians. They will need to provide an application and supporting documents to the office of the Regional Head of Obstetrics & Gynaecology:

Dr. Geoffrey Cundiff, Regional Head  
c/o Umberto Lombos, [Umberto.Lombos@vch.ca](mailto:Umberto.Lombos@vch.ca)

For an application form please contact [Umberto Lombos](#).

All applications will be reviewed by the Regional Department Executive Committee, which may request further documentation or an interview of the candidate. Applicants should anticipate 2 months for processing, and plan the submission of their application and their work schedules accordingly. Once approved by the committee, the applicant will be given credentials for practice at all Vancouver Coastal Sites for the period of one year, and their names will be added to the posted Locum Pool for that period. Once members of the Department contract members of the Locum Pool, they will notify their Site Head, who will approve temporary privileges to match the specific site and time interval. Because the physician from the Locum Pool is already credentialed, privileging should be accomplished without delay.

Physicians may also want to apply to the Rural Specialists Locum Program to receive extra funds for providing services at rural sites. This program is further described and enrolment described at:

[http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pcb/rural\\_specialist.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pcb/rural_specialist.html)