

## Locum Opportunity: Saint John Regional Hospital

Looking for a great opportunity? Consider a rheumatology locum at the Saint John Regional Hospital in Saint John, New Brunswick. A maternity leave locum in a rheumatology practice will be available from June 3 to December 3, 2016. You would be joining a group of two rheumatologists, a rheumatology nurse, an MSK physiotherapist, and an occupational therapist.

You would be participating in outpatient rheumatology clinics and weekday inpatient consults. There is an opportunity to provide support to our internal medicine teaching unit as well as call coverage for internal medicine.

The Saint John Regional Hospital is a tertiary care hospital associated with Dalhousie University and Halifax. Tertiary care medical and allied health departments fully support the department of rheumatology in management of IA, connective tissue diseases, and vasculitis.

There are excellent medical education opportunities available; medical students, clinical clerks, and family medicine and internal medicine residents regularly rotate through our department. In addition, Saint John Regional Hospital is a satellite of Dalhousie University campus at the University of New Brunswick, providing abundant opportunities to be involved in undergraduate and post-graduate training.

The department of rheumatology is actively involved in research trials and registries. We have funding to support research initiatives.

Horizon Health Network is the largest healthcare organization in Atlantic Canada, operating 12 hospitals and more than 100 medical facilities, clinics, and offices providing medical services ranging from acute care to community-based health services to New Brunswick, northern Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. With 1,000 physicians, an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion, and approximately 13,000 employees, Horizon Health Network's strategic vision focuses on research, innovation, and education.

Candidates must be eligible for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick, possess privileges with Horizon Health Network, and be members of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as well as hold adequate liability insurance.

If you are intrigued by this opportunity, please contact us for further details.

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a physician is considering signing the medical document to provide access to medical marijuana for one of her patients. In the scenario, the physician consults a number of resources in order to ensure her practice falls within the acceptable standard of care. He then asked the audience which body's guidelines or advice is it most important to align one's practice with (Table 3). Of those surveyed outside the ASM, 75% reported that the provincial regulatory body should guide practice. The vast majority (91%) of those who attended the session selected the same response. Again, no dis-joint in understanding there!

The takeaway message from the *Controversies in Rheumatology* session was that there is some smoke and mirrors at play when discussing medical marijuana usage in chronic pain patients. The general consensus was that physicians should be wary of risks to patients and society when considering alternative treatment options with data available thus far.

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**Table 3. Which body's guidelines or advice is it most important for the physician to align her practice with?**

