ROLE TITLE: Quality Lead- Mental Health Services, Psychosocial Oncology
REPORTS TO: Director, Cancer Clinical Programs
LOCATION: 525 University Avenue, Toronto, ON
ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT: 0.5 day/week
TERM: 2 years
No. of OPPORTUNITIES: 1
POSTING DATE: October 24, 2023
CLOSING DATE: November 23, 2023

POSITION SUMMARY
Ontario Health is seeking expressions of interest the position of Quality Lead- Mental Health Services, Psychosocial Oncology (PSO). This is a unique opportunity to provide leadership in quality improvement for oncology mental health services (psychiatry) at the system level. This opportunity is open to all qualified candidates.

Interested parties should forward their expression of interest and curriculum vitae, electronically, to Meaghan Wright at Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2023.

Questions about the role may be submitted to Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than November 9, 2023. A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request, by November 16, 2023. To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca.

ACCOUNTABILITIES
The Quality Lead- Mental Health Services, PSO, role will support Ontario Health’s mandate to improve access to PSO services. This role will provide tactical and strategic leadership in identifying opportunities to expand access to mental health services (psychiatry) for cancer patients. This work will involve collaboration with provincial and regional stakeholders to explore innovative models of care, approaches to funding, and/or other areas of opportunity. While the primary focus of the role will be improving access to psychiatry, this role will also support the Provincial Head, PSO to advance the quality of PSO services across various disciplines (e.g., social work, psychology, psychiatry, nutrition, rehab, etc).

The primary responsibilities for this role include the following:

- Work closely with regional stakeholders to identify opportunities for expanding access to psychiatry and other specialized mental health services for cancer patients
- Provide clinical leadership to improve the quality of oncology mental health services at the provincial level
- Provide clinical input on the development, implementation and concordance of PSO guidelines and strategic documents (e.g. PSO Service Delivery Framework, Oncology Caregiver Support Framework, OH clinical guidance on depression, exercise and sexual health).
• Work collaboratively with the Provincial Head, PSO, and other program Provincial Heads and Clinical Leads to support cross-program initiatives and to address common goals related to safe, effective, high quality, person-centred care
• Participate as a member of OH’s Provincial PSO Committee and Clinical Council
• Collaborate with relevant clinical communities and other key stakeholders such as funding bodies, research bodies and patient and family advisors as needed, on behalf of OH

QUALIFICATIONS
• A psychiatrist registered and in good standing with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario
• Clinical, research and/or academic experience in the area of psychosocial oncology (PSO)
• Clinical leadership experience within health care and/or academic institutions
• Knowledge of clinical, administrative and system issues with respect to cancer services
• Strong professional presence and ability to present to large and small audiences in a concise, articulate and dynamic fashion
• Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer care at the system level

HOW TO APPLY:
Interested parties should forward their expression of interest and curriculum vitae, electronically, to Meaghan Wright, Manager, Psychosocial Oncology, Patient Education & Survivorship, care of Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2023.

We will evaluate all applications against the skills and experience requirements for the position. Those candidates selected for interview will be contacted directly by a representative from the Business Unit. If you have not been contacted within 3 weeks after the close of the posting, you can assume you are not under consideration for this position.

More about Ontario Health:

Ontario Health is an agency created by the Government of Ontario with a mandate to connect and coordinate Ontario’s health care system in ways that have not been done before, to help ensure that Ontarians receive the best possible care.

Ontario Health oversees health care delivery across the province, which includes ensuring front-line providers and other health professionals have the tools and information they need to deliver the best possible care within their communities. This also means simplifying the current system and connecting and coordinating its many complex parts in new and innovative ways. This involves keeping a close eye on how the health system is performing and providing evidence-based standards and improvements to address any gaps.

Ontario Health helps to support significant and important transformation in Ontario’s health system, working to ease the transition between points of care for Ontarians and helping to ensure they have access to the care they need. Ontario Health is adapting world-renowned practices from areas such as cancer care and renal care to other parts of the system, including mental health and addictions.
Through integration, coordination, connection, and clinical excellence, Ontario Health is working to reduce strain on the system which will enable investment of more resources on the care Ontarians need, and, most importantly, improve health outcomes and overall wellness for all.

As an operational service agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario Health is accountable for conducting a fair and transparent process, providing equal treatment to all qualified parties, in selecting a candidate for the above mentioned role.

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http://www.ontariohealth.ca