

ROLE TITLE: ColonCancerCheck Clinical Lead

**REPORTS TO:** Provincial Medical Director, Cancer Control and

**Evidence Integration** 

OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY TO: Manager, ColonCancerCheck, Cancer Screening

**LOCATION:** Hybrid: Virtual / downtown Toronto - 525

**University Avenue** 

**ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT:** 0.2 FTE - One (1) day per week for 52 weeks per

year

**TERM:** 2 years with option for 2-year renewal

No. of OPPORTUNITIES: 1

POSTING DATE: May 13, 2024

CLOSING DATE: June 12, 2024

# **POSITION SUMMARY**

Ontario Health is seeking expressions of interest from regulated health professionals for the position of **ColonCancerCheck Clinical Lead.** Ontario Health has four organized population-based cancer screening programs (breast, cervical, colorectal and lung). This is a unique opportunity to provide strategic leadership to the evolution of the Ontario cancer system and provide advice on all aspects of the ColonCancerCheck Program. This opportunity is open to all qualified candidates.

Interested parties should forward their expression of interest and curriculum vitae, electronically, to Mariya Ahmed at <a href="mailto:mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca">mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca</a> no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2024.

Questions about the role may be submitted to <a href="mailto:mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca">mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca</a> no later than **May 30, 2024.** A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request, by **June 5, 2024.** To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact Mariya Ahmed at <a href="mailto:mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca">mariya.ahmed@ontariohealth.ca</a>

### **ACCOUNTABILITIES**

The key responsibilities of this role are:

- Provides strong, visionary leadership at the provincial level and strategic advice for the CCC program and supports the Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) and colonoscopy quality reporting.
- Ensures evidence-based guidance for colorectal cancer screening and follow up of abnormal results.
- Champions initiatives to promote alignment with Ontario Health's colorectal cancer screening recommendations, post-polypectomy surveillance recommendations and the GI Endoscopy QBP standards in the clinical community.

- Participates in the appointment of regional colorectal screening / GI endoscopy leads with the regional cancer
  programs to support Ontario Health projects and quality improvement initiatives; provides strong leadership
  for the regional colorectal screening / GI endoscopy leads, including leading face-to-face and virtual meetings
  and providing guidance for the regional colorectal screening / GI endoscopy leads.
- Collaborates with the Director, Program Design, the CCC Manager, the CCC Lead Scientist, the Provincial
  Primary Care Lead, the CCC Clinical Biochemist, the Provincial Site Lead for GI Cancers and Ontario Health staff
  to oversee and lead the development of program policy, design, and management.
- Establishes and maintains effective links with relevant clinical communities on behalf of Ontario Health.
- Develops and supports execution of strategies to engage health care providers (including primary care providers and endoscopists) involved in colorectal cancer screening and GI endoscopy.
- Champions/promotes the strategic vision of the CCC program and the program goals to improve screening participation and follow up of abnormal results.
- Responds to clinical questions, and represents the CCC program, GI Endoscopy QBP and colonoscopy quality reporting in the community, at national meetings and in the media.
- Identifies and responds to system level and program level issues.
- Participates as an active member of Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario)'s Clinical Council.
- Chairs expert panels and working groups.
- Represents Ontario Health in pan-Canadian groups, e.g., the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer's National Colorectal Cancer Screening Network.
- Collaborates, where necessary, with other groups and clinical leadership within Ontario Health on issues which impact colorectal cancer screening (e.g., GI Cancer Lead) as well as with the clinical and scientific leads of the other cancer screening programs.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with subspecialty training in Gastroenterology, specialty training in General Surgery, or specialty training in Oncology
- Active staff appointment at a public hospital in Ontario for the duration of the contract
- Formal training in upper and lower endoscopy and related endoscopic techniques, including polypectomy
- Maintenance of expertise by performing at least 500 colonoscopies per year. If the minimum is not met, expertise in quality or research related to endoscopy may be taken into consideration
- Expertise in population-based cancer screening programs
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer screening and GI endoscopy at the provincial/system level
- Knowledge of both hospital and out-of-hospital endoscopy
- Demonstrated evidence of continuing education in colonoscopy, related endoscopic techniques and colorectal cancer screening
- Recognized as an opinion leader within the professional community
- Experience in leadership positions at provincial, regional and/or local level
- Knowledge of clinical, administrative and system issues with respect to colorectal cancer screening and GI endoscopy
- Ability to analyze and interpret information, make sound decisions and communicate these to clinical and non-clinical audiences
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to build consensus
- Knowledge of current and new/emerging colorectal cancer screening guidelines and GI endoscopy guidelines
- Models and supports behaviour consistent with the People Values of Ontario Health and a commitment to Ontario Health's Equity, Inclusion, Diversity and Anti-Racism Framework

While all of the above qualifications are desirable for this position, interested parties who meet the majority, but not all, are encouraged to apply.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

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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. Ontario Health may consider applications from incumbents currently in the position. 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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