Quality and Safety Physician Lead
Department of Surgery, Calgary Zone, AHS

Overview

The Department of Surgery is looking for a surgeon who is passionate about patient safety and quality assurance for all surgical patients and procedures. This surgeon leader will act as a champion for clinical safety within the department, as well as throughout the organization. They lead the Calgary Zone Surgical Services Quality Assurance Committee. The committee plays an important role in the review of adverse events that occur in patients undergoing surgery. This includes reviewing the timeline and documentation, interviewing staff involved, and searching the literature for precedents or similar cases. The result of the review is the development of recommendations, followed by their implementation, to prevent similar occurrences in the future. This leader will have experience or training in quality assurance methodology and they will demonstrate excellent communication skills and an ability to engage others and to lead teams.

Specific Deliverables:

1. Co-chair the Calgary Zone Surgical Services Quality Assurance Committee, along with the Executive Director, Surgery, Trauma Services and Critical Care. The committee consists of representatives from the Departments of Surgery and Anesthesia and from Calgary Zone Surgical Services.
2. Attend and participate in quality assurance review of adverse events regarding surgical patients.
3. Advocate within the Department by communicating with physicians and other clinical staff regarding safety issues in the Department.
4. Develop leadership expertise in quality assurance, patient safety and quality improvement methodologies, outcomes, and assessment as well as in the identification of clinical quality indicators.
5. Prepare reports regarding patient safety events and initiatives for the Department of Surgery Executive committee as well as the Regional Quality Council.
6. Participate in the development of Surgical Services initiatives such as retreats that address quality and safety.
7. Work with Section Quality Improvement and Safety leads to help them with implementation of any safety initiatives relevant to their section.

Collaboration:

This leader will work closely with the Executive Director, Surgery, Trauma Services and Critical Care. They will also collaborate with the Department of Surgery Quality Assurance and Improvement Lead who organizes the Office of Surgical Quality. In addition, they will work with the Quality Improvement and Safety leads in each section.

Accountability:

This leader will work with the assigned Deputy Department Head of Surgery and will report to the Department Head of Surgery.
Scope:

0.10 FTE ($23,199.00 per annum)
3 year term

Deadline for Application:

August 31, 2021

To Apply:

Please email your curriculum vitae and 3 letters of reference to Elaine Campbell at elaine.campbell@ahs.ca

For more information regarding this position contact Dr. Elijah Dixon or Dr. Frankie Fraulin, Deputy Department Heads, Surgery.