Living in Inuvik, Northwest Territories

Are you a Family Physician that does low risk obstetrics looking for a change of pace in a unique Arctic town? Are you intrigued by the idea of five-minute work commutes and wilderness adventures just outside your door? Does a salaried contract with benefits and without the hassles of a fee-for-service practice appeal to you? Then come North to live, work, and explore the Northwest Territories.

To learn more, contact us at PracticeNWT@gov.nt.ca or visit www.PracticeNWT.ca.
Practicing Family Medicine in Inuvik

Inuvik is currently recruiting for a permanent Family Physician with skills in Low Risk Obstetrics. Our Town of Inuvik offers rural and remote medicine at its finest, with incredible support staff in a unique Northern environment. It is an unparalleled place to live and work. We welcome good people, and support friends or family who may be considering the move with you.

The Inuvik Regional Hospital is the northernmost hospital with an OR on the continent. It is a 48 bed facility, including long-term care. The 14-bed acute care unit includes 2 labour and delivery rooms. Family Physicians reside in Inuvik and are part of a primary community care team, providing services in seven or more community health centers through scheduled travel, telephone, and Telehealth consultation.

Our local obstetrical physicians are well-supported: local physicians with enhanced surgical skills and anesthetics are available for cesarean sections, epidurals, and other support, and obstetricians in Yellowknife are just a phone call away. Our collegiality and backup on-call are legendary! We are a MORE OB certified hospital with Baby Friendly certification. Your practice will also include clinic, inpatient care, and travel clinics. Emergency medicine is an asset, but not required. We host a variety of visiting specialists from Yellowknife and Edmonton, including Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, General Surgery, ENT, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and others.

We are an active teaching hospital with strong partnerships with the University of British Columbia and McMaster University. Our site has been described as a “Gold standard” for such training by UBC Faculty.

If you are ready for adventure and a great sense of community you will not meet a better, more collegial group of physicians to work with in all of Canada than right here, above the Arctic Circle, in the heart of the Mackenzie River Delta.

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Compensation & Benefits

NWT physicians are provided with a unique salaried contract, with one of the best compensation packages in the country!

Benefits for a full-time Family Physician in Inuvik include:

- Unique salaried contract, with one, two, and three-year options
- $1,294,367 - $1,344,196 range of gross earnings (approximate) over a 3-year contract, based on full range coverage including low risk obstetrics, which includes:
  - Annual salary
  - Annual northern living allowance
  - Recruitment bonus
  - First time signing bonus
  - Annual retention bonus
  - Retirement income benefits
- No overhead, practice management, or billing with salaried contract
- Liability, travel, and malpractice insurance costs covered
- 100% of Northwest Territories CMPA Membership Fees Covered
- Paid vacation, starting at 26.5 days per year
- Paid sick leave, starting at 18 days per year
- Paid maternal / parental leave benefits
- Paid callbacks
- Support for professional fees and educational materials ($4,000 per year)
- Continued medical education support for travel and reimbursement of expenses (up to 16 days, $13,000 per year)
- Relocation assistance
- Group benefits, including dental, extended health, life, AD&D, and disability

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Living Here

The Northwest Territories (NWT) is home to approximately 43,000 people in 33 communities across a landscape of over 1.34 million square kilometers.

Located just above the 68th parallel lies Canada’s most northern region, the Beaufort Delta, with a population of 7,100 in eight surrounding communities. Inuvik is the third largest community in the NWT and is full of northern culture, beauty, adventure, and Pingos!

You will find a new appreciation for snowshoeing, dogsledding, fishing, paddling or boating on the Mackenzie because of this vast and yet charming region.

Drive Canada’s famous Dempster highway to explore to the surrounding communities. Or find your way to the Arctic Ocean on the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk road.

Fun Facts About the NWT

- Inuvik is Canada’s northern most official town and home to the world’s most northern full service hospital.
- NWT is home of Nahanni National Park, the first site in the world to be granted UNESCO world heritage status in 1978.
- NWT is the world’s second largest producer of diamonds.
- Northern Lights are visible 250 days each year.
- The Dempster highway, Canada’s only all weather highway across the Arctic, connects Dawson City, Yukon to Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean.