

## PEDIATRIC Position on Beautiful U.S. Pacific Island

Seeking adventurous pediatricians ready for a unique global health opportunity on Saipan, a part of a U.S. Commonwealth in the Pacific near Guam.

### **Job Highlights:**

- Work in an underserved location with many of the comforts of home
- Make a mainland-level pediatric salary in US dollars
- National Health Service Corps site
- We do it all! NICU, peds hospitalist, newborn nursery, PICU, and outpatient peds
- Longer clinic visits than on the mainland. 40-hour work week

### **Life on Saipan:**

- Scuba diving, snorkeling, hiking, biking, wind-surfing and other outdoor activities abound. It is 80 degrees year-round!
- Safe and family-friendly, with affordable childcare options and both public and private schools.
- Tourism hotspot for Korea, China, and Japan. We have resorts, restaurants, and a waterpark.
- Abundant travel opportunities with regular flights to Seoul and Tokyo with easy connections to the rest of Asia.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Care for patients in the general newborn nursery, inpatient Pediatrics ward, and Ambulatory outpatient clinic in rotation with other pediatricians
- Provide consultation to the Emergency Department when on-call for pediatric patients.
- Attend to patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, including intubations, ventilator management, central line placement and monitoring (both arterial and venous), and special procedures required of the patient.
- Provide ICU level care in accordance with NRP and PALS standards. We are happy to support applicants with their first few procedures if they are just out of training or need a refresher!
- Provide consultative service to the nearby islands of Tinian and Rota, including via phone.
- Attend high-risk deliveries at the request of Labor and Delivery (L&D) personnel and provide resuscitation of the newborn in accordance with NRP.
- Provide medical escort to critically ill pediatric patients referred to off-island facilities if interested
- Participate in hospital committees, Quality Assurance activities, and administrative departmental duties.

## **Qualifications:**

- Accepting permanent, one year or greater commitment preferred; Locums welcome
- Completion of pediatric residency (U.S. or Canadian residency required)
- ABP Board certified or eligible
- PALS and NRP certified
- Must be Medicare reimbursement eligible
- Must be able to cover inpatient service, with some clinic
- CNMI license required (application process supported by HR staff)
- Licensing and credentialing takes 6-8 weeks (Process: Present CV and, if cleared, candidate will be notified by email with employment application attached. Three recent references are also required.)

## **Job Details:**

### Inpatient Service:

- Inpatient census typically ranges from 5-15 patients with an average of 9 patients (~3 well babies, ~3 NICU babies and ~3 general pediatrics inpatients) to be rounded on daily.
- Typically, 1 ICU admission every 1-2 months, most often severe bronchiolitis, non-fatal submersions, DKA, or post-seizure patients.
- An average 2-5 critically ill newborns per year require medical transport, often due to congenital heart and other defects requiring surgical correction, with MD, RN, and RT, to San Diego, for higher level care on commercial United flights (Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego is our referral hospital. Specialists there allow us to call, email, and refer our patients to them to determine/provide higher level care needs.)...Pediatricians rotate in providing this service according to physician comfort and to minimize schedule disruptions.

### Clinic:

- Makes up the other 10 shifts (minus holidays).
- Hours: 7-5:30 with 3 hours of protected admin and lunch-time per day.
- Clinic patients have 30 -60 minute slots.

## **Schedule:**

- One pediatrician is on call at a time covering NICU, General Pediatrics, Nursery, and PICU.
- 8 inpatient shifts and 10 clinic shifts per 4 weeks, though inpatient/ outpatient coverage is negotiable.
- Inpatient is typically a one-week block consisting of three day shifts (8 AM to 4 PM), one 24 hours shift (8 am to 8 am), and three night call shifts (4 PM to 8 AM).
- Night call shift is a home call with providers responsible for cross-cover and admissions.

Schedule and staff flexibility allows you to stack shifts so you can have 5-7 days off per month in a row without taking leave to travel!

**Benefits:**

- \$10,000 Signing Bonus for 2-year contracts.
- International flight from point of recruitment for employee. Return flight to original embarkation is included upon completion of contract.
- Malpractice coverage is provided under the Tort Claims act.
- Reimbursement of up to \$250 for employee health screening costs.
- Annual Leave: Eight (8) hours per pay period (bi-weekly), on a full-time Employment Contract
- Sick Leave: Four (4) hours per pay period (bi-weekly)
- Up to 5 days of paid leave for CME.
- Health and Life Group Insurance: Cost-sharing per Corporate policies
- Health Insurance: AETNA Health Insurance
- Life Insurance: Individual Assurance Company Life, Health, & Accident (IAC)
- 401a Retirement Plan Option: ASC Trust Corporation
- National Health Service Corp site. Those interested can apply for loan repayment