

ROLE TITLE: Provincial Head, Psychosocial Oncology (PSO)

REPORTS TO: Vice President, Clinical, Ontario Health (Cancer

Care Ontario)

LOCATION: 525 University Avenue, Toronto, ON/Virtual

ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT: Up to 1 day/week

TERM: 2 years with one optional 2-year renewal

No. of OPPORTUNITIES: 1

POSTING DATE: October 16, 2024

CLOSING DATE: November 15, 2024

POSITION SUMMARY

Ontario Health (OH) is seeking expressions of interest from Psychosocial Oncology (PSO) leaders for the position of **Provincial Head, Psychosocial Oncology (PSO)**. This is a unique opportunity to provide strategic leadership to the evolution of the Ontario cancer system. 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 11:59 P.M. on November 15, 2024.

Questions about the role may be submitted to Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Noember 4,**Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Noember 4,**Meaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Noember 4,**Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca**Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca**Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than **Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.ca no later than Moaghan.Wright@ontariohealth.c**

ACCOUNTABILITIES

The key responsibilities of this role are:

- Provide visionary clinical leadership for PSO at the provincial level
- Advise on a strategic vision and goals for the program and engage PSO stakeholders in the cancer quality agenda. This includes driving the advancement of provincial initiatives in partnership with the regional partners.
- Provide oversight to PSO Regional Leads
- Identify and respond to system-level issues related to PSO
- Work closely with regional stakeholders on the uptake and use of PSO-focused evidence
- Provide scientific direction for the PSO measurement strategy (system and regional performance) and advise
 on priorities within the measurement plan. In particular, provide clinical direction to inform methods to
 measure access to and quality of PSO services.

- Provide clinical leadership 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).
- Provide clinical direction on strategic initiatives and projects, including PSO system capacity planning and work to integrate funding for PSO across cancer system funding models
- Work collaboratively with other 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 Clinical Council
- Provide clinical and administrative leadership for regional meetings (e.g. quarterly performance reviews)
- Establish and maintain effective links with relevant clinical communities and other key stakeholders such as funding agencies, research bodies and patient and family advisors on behalf of OH
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the Ontario Cancer Plan

QUALIFICATIONS

- A PSO practitioner (e.g., social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, dietitian, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, or speech-language pathologist, etc.) recognized as a leader in Ontario or nationally
- Clinical, research and/or academic experience in the area of PSO
- Proven track record of clinical leadership 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
- Demonstrated commitment to person-centred care and public accountability
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer care at the system level

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 (OH):

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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