



**HEAD AND CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
IWK HEALTH CENTRE
NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA**

The Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, IWK Health Centre and the Nova Scotia Health Authority are jointly recruiting a Head and Chief for the University and District Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This is an outstanding opportunity for an experienced and accomplished individual with demonstrated leadership, clinical and academic credibility and strategic vision to direct and manage clinical and academic affairs in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology within an integrated health system.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is an integral part of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University and a leader of tertiary women's reproductive health services in the Maritime Provinces. The Department is committed to promoting optimal health of women, newborns and families through dynamic and comprehensive programs and services, including clinical care; education of undergraduate and postgraduate students, other health professionals and the public; promotion of and participation in continuing medical education activities; and leadership in the advancement and dissemination of knowledge through research.

The combined role of Head and Chief requires dynamic leadership and vision in clinical and academic domains, together with management skill to affect excellence in care, education and research within available resources, and to align strategically and operationally within an integrated provincial healthcare system. The Head/Chief must negotiate, nurture and leverage opportunities to maximize productivity through collaboration, partnership and integration of academic and clinical practice.

With over 3,115 staff, 900 volunteers and 250 physicians the IWK Health Centre provides quality care to women, children, youth and families in the Maritimes and beyond. The IWK Health Centre is engaged in leading-edge research; works to promote healthy lifestyles for families; and supports education opportunities for health professionals and other trainees. Services provided by the Health Centre are delivered through three programs: Children's Health, Mental Health and Addictions and Women's and Newborn Health.

Although located at the IWK Health Centre, the Department Head also has responsibility and leadership of obstetrics and gynaecology clinical care, teaching programs and related research for the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) Central Zone. The Central Zone provides core health services to 400,000 Halifax region residents (40% of the population of Nova Scotia) and tertiary and quaternary acute care services to residents of Atlantic Canada.

The successful candidate will have an MD, hold or be eligible for medical licensure in Nova Scotia and hold or be eligible to sit for Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada certification in obstetrics and gynaecology. The incumbent should have a record of exemplary performance and aptitude for academic, clinical and administrative leadership.

The University Department Head position is a five-year, limited term academic appointment responsible for the administration and development of teaching and research programs in the Department and its affiliated teaching hospitals. A Continuing Appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will also be offered to the successful applicant

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.

To apply for this exceptional opportunity, applications must include a curriculum vitae and a summary statement of clinical, teaching and research interests. A completed Self-Identification Questionnaire will need to be included, available at www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid. Applications and the completed Self-Identification Questionnaire are due no later than **October 31, 2017** and should be sent to the attention of:

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