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Ontario Osteoporosis Screening Coordinator Job Description One Full-Time and One Part-time Position

Osteoporosis Canada (OC), a registered charity, is the only national organization serving people who have, or are at risk for, osteoporosis. OC works to educate, empower and support individuals and communities in the risk-reduction and treatment of osteoporosis.

Background:

Ontario is home to approximately 1.5 million seniors (people aged 65 and over). This figure represents 40 per cent of Canada's senior population. The number of seniors in Ontario and around the world is expected to increase even more rapidly when baby boomers turn 65 beginning in 2011. With one in four women and one in eight men over the age of 50 having osteoporosis, it becomes critical for Osteoporosis Canada and its key partners to educate Ontario's population on the issues related to the disease.

In February 2005, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care announced Ontario's first **Osteoporosis Strategy**, supported by \$5 million in annual funding. The goal of the Strategy is to reduce fractures, morbidity, mortality and costs from osteoporosis through an integrated and comprehensive approach aimed at health promotion and disease management.

Job Summary:

The integration of post fracture care is a key component to achieving this goal through the placement of **Osteoporosis Screening Coordinators** located in various fracture clinics throughout Ontario. The role of the Osteoporosis Screening Coordinator (OSC) is to screen for fragility fracture patients in the fracture clinic environment and provide appropriate support to connect these patients with primary care and community-based services as needed. The OSC will also work with the orthopaedic surgeons, allied health professionals and fracture clinic staff to raise their awareness of patients' need to follow up with their family physician after a fracture, for osteoporosis assessment and treatment.

Qualifications:

RPN or RN's preferred although allied health care professionals with adequate experience within clinical settings will be considered.

Other essential attributes: excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to work independently and with minimal supervision; proficient in computers; ability to work as part of a diverse team and the ability to demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of patients.

General Expectations:

The Osteoporosis Screening Coordinator is responsible for identifying fragility fracture (e.g., of the wrist) patients in the orthopaedic/fracture clinics, in an effort to prevent subsequent hip fractures. The Coordinator is expected to raise awareness about osteoporosis among hospital staff and family physicians and help to improve patient access to integrated post-fracture care for osteoporosis investigation and management. It is expected that each coordinator will screen at-risk patients and provide information, education and referral within a number of specific geographic areas.

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Responsibilities:

- Diligent use of protocol tools to identify fragility fracture patients over the age of 50, provide information and other resources and to collect patient data.
- Responsible for collating data, ensuring security of data collection tools as well as the database.
- Engage in direct discussions with patients or caregivers re: significance of underlying osteoporosis, fracture risk factors and management of osteoporosis.
- Educate staff from various hospital departments and other health care professionals to increase awareness of osteoporosis and help develop management strategies.
- Other duties as assigned.

Area of Work:

On full-time position in specified fracture clinics within Toronto.

One part-time position (three days per week) in fracture clinics in the Brampton area.

Please specify which position you are applying for.

Submit resume and cover letter by Friday, January 29th, 2010 to:

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