

Family Physician



LOCUM CLINIC

The Hearst Locum Clinic provides a unique setup for physicians to serve unattached patients, offering flexibility and support to visiting locum doctors. This clinic helps bridge healthcare gaps in the community by ensuring that patients without family physicians receive timely and comprehensive care.

Schedule

The Locum clinic has flexible hours, but will mainly be open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Under the RFMLP, physicians not covering any on-call shifts need to do a minimum of 4 days of clinic.

Workflow

The Hearst Locum Clinic operates by scheduled appointments, not as a walk-in clinic. The receptionist arranges appointments and prepares all necessary documentation in advance, streamlining the workflow for locum physicians. During clinic hours, physicians are supported by an on-site administrative clerk, ensuring efficient patient care and a smooth experience for both patients and healthcare providers.

Support Staff

- One full-time administrative clerk
- One part-time administrative clerk
- One clinic supervisor

Clinical Guidelines and Protocols

The clinic uses Practice Solutions as its electronic medical record (EMR) system, streamlining patient documentation and management. Physicians are only responsible for patient care during their scheduled locum hours, with no follow-up duties required after they leave. All patient records and follow-up actions remain within the clinic, ensuring continuity of care without additional obligations for departing locum physicians.

Patient Demographics

Serving a community of around 5,000 residents with a catchment area of 8,000, the clinic cares for an aging population, international university students, and a nearby First Nations community located 30 minutes outside of Hearst. With 61% of residents without a family physician, the clinic addresses varied health needs, from chronic care to primary care for underserved groups.

Remuneration and Benefits

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- Daily Stipend of 927.09\$
- 100% OHIP Billing
- Reimbursed travel and accommodation expenses.