

Elective: Public Health & Preventive Medicine, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB)

OVERVIEW

This elective will offer exposure to public health practice and the role of the Medical Officer of Health within the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Indigenous Services Canada. Specific areas of exposure will be to epidemiology and surveillance, and communicable disease control. Students will gain understanding of the organization of health care and preventive health services for communities under FNIHB jurisdiction, as well as the realities and barriers to health based on historical and current government policies.

* This elective is available during elective periods for student attending Canadian Medical Schools. Elective duration is 2-3 weeks.

INTRODUCTION

Contact Person:

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES (CanMEDS)

Medical Expert

- Understand the role of a Medical Officer of Health and Public Health in communities in Manitoba that are under the jurisdiction of FNIHB
- Gain exposure to areas of Population Health Assessment, epidemiology, & surveillance, communicable disease control
- Understand legislation relevant to the Public Health in First Nations communities in Manitoba, and its basis for Medical Officer of Health functions and public health programs.
- Recognize and apply concepts of health, population health, health equity, determinants of health, health indicators and health status relevant to health in First Nations communities in Manitoba.

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Communicator

- Recognize the importance of relationships with individuals, organizations, communities and populations.
- Describe principles of risk communication and effective public/media communication.

Collaborator

- Understand the role of the clinician in the public health system, including reporting cases and outbreaks of communicable diseases, and participating in public health screening programs.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of the professionals in the public health system such as public health nurses and public health inspectors.

Leader

- Understand the factors influencing public health resource allocation.

Health Advocate

- Understand the role of the Medical Officer of Health as an advocate for health working within a government organization.

Scholar

- Complete a project and presentation during the rotation.

Professional

- Exhibit professional behaviours such as honesty, integrity, commitment, respect.

INFORMATION

Required Reading

AFMC Population Health Primer <http://phprimer.afmc.ca/>

Call Responsibilities

No call is required.

Prior to Elective

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Visiting students must complete PHIA prior to the start of their elective (University of Manitoba students will have completed PHIA in pre-clerkship); please make arrangements with Sarah Carriere, the electives administrator, at (204) 789 3820 or ElectivesUGME@umanitoba.ca.

First Day Instructions

- Please present to First Nations and Inuit Health at 391 York Ave at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise instructed by your preceptor.
- The schedule of the elective will be provided on the first day of the rotation by the elective preceptor.
- Parking is the responsibility of the student; metered street parking is available in the surrounding area.
- Business casual attire is appropriate (no jeans, please); white coats are not used in this office setting.

ROTATION ACTIVITIES

Expectations

There is a requirement for completion and presentation of a small project during this elective. Students will present their project near the end of their elective.

Service Rounds

Students will attend Resident Rounds on Fridays (1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in S102A Medical Services Building, Bannatyne Campus).

Academic Schedule

Students are expected to attend University of Manitoba Department of Community Health Sciences Colloquiums (Fridays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Betty Havens seminar room R060 Med Rehab Building, Bannatyne Campus).