

General Practitioners and Family Physicians

Description

General practitioners and family physicians diagnose and treat the diseases, physiological disorders and injuries of patients. They provide primary contact and continuous care toward the management of patients' health. They usually work in private practice, including group or team practices, hospitals and clinics. Residents in training to be general practitioners or family physicians are included in this unit group.

Duties:

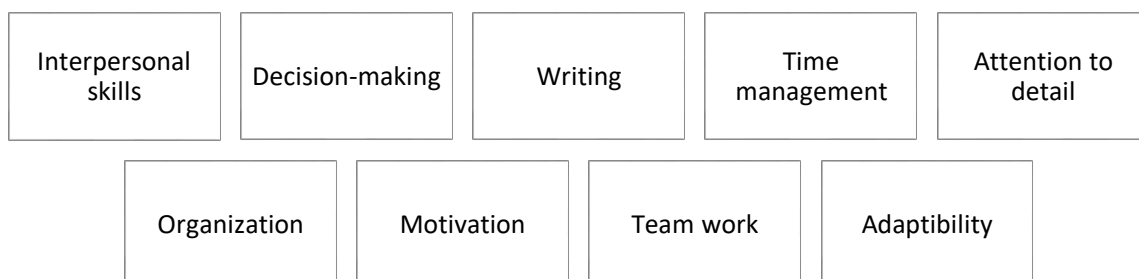
- Examine patients and take their histories, order laboratory tests, X-rays and other diagnostic procedures and consult with other medical practitioners to evaluate patients' health
- Prescribe and administer medications and treatments
- Perform and assist in routine surgery
- Provide emergency care
- Provide acute care management
- Vaccinate patients to prevent and treat diseases
- Deliver babies and provide pre-natal and post-natal care
- Advise patients and their families on health care including health promotion, disease, illness and accident prevention
- Provide counselling and support to patients and their families on a wide range of health and lifestyle issues
- Perform patient advocacy role
- Co-ordinate or manage primary patient care
- Provide continuous care to patients
- Supervise home care services
- Report births, deaths, and contagious and other diseases to governmental authorities.

Other titles:

- Family doctor
- General practitioner
- Industrial medicinal officer
- Medical missionary

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills



Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Most university/college programs in Ontario require an OSSD or Mature Student Status

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Bachelor's degree and graduation from an approved medical school

Certification

- Two to three years of family medicine residency training are required
- Completion of the qualifying examinations of the Medical Council of Canada
- Licensing by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as general practitioners and family physicians are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)	Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)
\$122,097	\$129,154	\$122,311	\$147,289

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
6211 Offices of physicians	395	275

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Health & BioScience Sector Report)

Additional Resources

- Medical Council of Canada: <https://mcc.ca/>
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario: <https://www.cpsso.on.ca/>