

Deputy Chief and Assistant Medical Director, Anesthesia

Ajax-Pickering Hospital • Ajax, Ontario

Help shape the future of anesthesia care in Durham Region. Lakeridge Health is seeking an exceptional physician leader to join its team at Ajax-Pickering Hospital, including the Jerry Coughlan Centre for Health and Wellness.

Working closely with the Chief and Medical Director, Anesthesia, you will provide strategic, operational and clinical leadership to support high-quality, patient-centred services and contribute to priorities across Lakeridge Health.

This role supports the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan, Care Closer to Home, with a focus on clinical excellence, health equity, population health, innovation, education, research and continuous quality improvement. You will collaborate with physicians, interprofessional teams, learners and community partners to build an inclusive, high-performing culture.

What you will do

- Provide local leadership and operational oversight for anesthesia services.
- Support departmental, organizational and strategic priorities.
- Advance patient safety, quality improvement and clinical excellence.
- Champion physician engagement, wellness, mentorship and leadership development.
- Foster innovation and system transformation to improve patient and provider experiences.
- Promote equitable access to care and address health disparities.
- Strengthen education, scholarship, research and learner engagement.
- Help build a learning health system that brings evidence and continuous improvement into everyday practice.

Why this opportunity stands out

Join an engaged and forward-thinking leadership team, influence decisions within one of Ontario's largest and fastest-growing regional health systems, and help advance Exceptional, Equitable, Connected Care. You will have the opportunity to shape anesthesia and perioperative services, strengthen academic excellence, support succession planning and champion initiatives responsive to the evolving needs of Durham Region.

Who we are looking for

We welcome a respected clinician and collaborative leader who enjoys bringing people together, developing others and helping teams thrive in a complex healthcare environment. The ideal candidate demonstrates commitment to:

- Excellent, patient-centred and culturally safe care.
- Health equity, inclusion and population health.
- Physician engagement, wellness and leadership development.
- Evidence-informed decisions, innovation and quality improvement.
- Education, research, scholarship and strong cross-disciplinary partnerships.

Qualifications

- Member of the Lakeridge Health Credentialed Staff within the Department of Anesthesia, or eligible for appointment.
- Demonstrated commitment to clinical excellence and quality improvement.
- Leadership experience in healthcare, medical administration, education, quality, research or system improvement is preferred.
- Excellent communication, collaboration and relationship-building skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging in leadership and care delivery.

Position details and how to apply

Application deadline: December 8, 2026

Interviews: To be scheduled after the closing date. Further recruitment timelines will be shared with applicants.

Please submit a letter of interest and current CV to mdcv@lh.ca.

Attention: Kathleen Corey
Director, Medical Affairs, Education, and LHEARN
Lakeridge Health

For a detailed overview of responsibilities and expectations, please refer to the accompanying position description.