

Women's and Obstetric Anesthesiologist - Clinical Faculty Dalhousie University and IWK Health, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Deadline for Application: July 31, 2026 - Competition will remain open until filled.
Expected Start Dates: Fall 2026

About the Opportunity

The Dalhousie Department of Anesthesia, Pain Management and Perioperative Medicine is seeking an **anesthesiologist** to join our Women's and Obstetrics anesthesia department at the **IWK Health** in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The IWK provides quality care to women, children, youth and families in the Maritime provinces and beyond. In addition to providing highly specialized tertiary care, the IWK also provides primary care services.

The Department is a clinical and academic Department affiliated with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine and two health authorities: Nova Scotia Health (NSH) and IWK Health in Nova Scotia. The Department's program of research, education and, more broadly, its academic mandate is also offered in conjunction with health authorities in New Brunswick. The selected candidate would receive a faculty appointment at Dalhousie University, and credentials to work at the IWK Health.

Location:

The position will work at the IWK Health in Halifax, Nova Scotia. There may be opportunities to provide clinical care in other sites under the direction of the IWK Chief of Women's and Obstetrics Anesthesia and the Dalhousie Department Head.

Language of Work: English

Term: Full-time continuing position or locum, negotiable

Responsibilities:

- Effectively and safely deliver the full scope of sub-speciality women's and obstetric anesthesia care/services to patients.
- Fully and equitably participate in the relevant on-call schedule(s), as required.
- Participate in hospital patient safety and quality improvement activities and rounds.
- Participate in teaching and instructing as required in undergraduate, postgraduate and fellowship programs.
- Contribute to the research activities of the Department, the details of which will be negotiated with the Department Head and IWK Chief or designate on an annual basis and will depend on the needs of the Department.
- Participate actively in departmental administration through involvement in departmental meetings and committees and participating in Faculty of Medicine and hospital meetings and committees where appropriate and when possible.
- Maintain clinical skills through continuing medical education and continuous learning.
- Provide effective communications to patients and their families, engaging them in their care planning and decisions.
- Foster positive, respectful and collaborative relationships with students, residents and clinical and administrative colleagues.

Expected hours:

- Full-time, 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE with negotiated flexibility in FTE.
- Participation in evening and weekend on-call schedules.

Qualifications:

- Eligible for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.
- Have certification as an anesthesiologist with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or in exceptional cases, will consider those eligible to write the Royal College exams.
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills with a focus on patient safety and quality.
- Sub-specialization with fellowship or other equivalent training in obstetrical anesthesia.
- Research or teaching experience is a strong asset.
- Experience in a complex health sciences centre is a strong asset.

Compensation:

Compensation depends on FTE assignment, hours worked and on-call schedules. The position is compensated by the Department's Clinical Academic Funding Plan (CAFP), a multi-stakeholder agreement that provides block funding to compensate physicians and cover departmental operational costs. The Department's Practice Plan outlines the ways in which the revenues are distributed by the members.

Incentives:

There is the possibility of relocation allowance for those external to Nova Scotia.

How to Apply:

We are committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. We encourage applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. Candidates are encouraged to self-identify in their cover letter if they identify with one of the above-mentioned groups.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and those legally able to work in Canada will be given priority.

Interested applicants are asked to submit their application by **July 31, 2026** to Anesthesia.Admin@nshealth.ca. It should include an updated CV and a cover letter addressed to Dr. Janice Chisholm, Department Head and Dr. Narendra Vakharia, IWK Chief Women's and Obstetric Anesthesia, that identifies:

- how your qualifications and experience meet the specific job requirements;
- your self-identification as listed above (optional);
- whether you can legally work in Canada and when you are available to start; and
- the names of potential three referees.

Contact:

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