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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Health Care Provider Representative for Laboratory Utilization Committee

Northern Health Laboratory Services is seeking a dedicated and experienced health care provider to join our Laboratory Utilization Committee (LUC) as a representative. The LUC plays a crucial role in ensuring the optimal utilization of laboratory services, maintaining high standards of clinical protocols, and supporting patient-centered, high-quality laboratory medicine across Northern Health.

Laboratory Utilization Committee Purpose:

The Laboratory Utilization Committee is a standing committee reporting to the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Regional Diagnostics Leadership Team. The primary role of the LUC is to oversee the test menu, appropriateness of equipment, standardization of clinical protocols, and optimal utilization of laboratory services to support clinical programs and services.

Member Roles and Responsibilities:

Members of the LUC will be expected to attend meetings as scheduled with an additional 0.5-1 hours of work per meeting outside of those meeting times. This group will virtually meet four times per year, with additional meetings at the call of the Chair. Meeting duration and frequency will be adjusted according to the priority needs of the initiative. Meetings utilize teleconferencing, web conferencing, and videoconferencing to minimize travel time and expenses.

- Provide input and consultation on laboratory services, including test menu development, equipment appropriateness, and clinical protocols.
- Establish regional standards, policies, and guidelines for laboratory services.
- Review research and best practices to identify and implement improvements in laboratory medicine.
- Monitor and analyze medical indicators and benchmarks for clinical protocols, quality, and utilization.
- Ensure continuing medical education and communication to clinicians and other users of laboratory services.

Membership:

The committee is co-chaired by the NH Laboratory Medical Director and the Regional Director of Diagnostic Services. Members include pathologists, physicians from various

clinical specialties, members of the lab quality team, and the VP Medicine (ex-officio). Additional participation from pathologists and physicians may be included based on agenda items.

Eligibility:

- Licensed health care provider with experience in laboratory services or related fields.
- Strong commitment to improving laboratory utilization and patient care.
- Ability to collaborate effectively with a multidisciplinary team.

Remuneration:

- Redesign funds will be utilized to reimburse the LUC Health Care Provider representative at rate of \$171.05/hour.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their name via email outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to Dr. Kamran Azar Kamran.Azar@northernhealth.ca by **December 15, 2024**

For more information, please contact Medical Lead Lab Services Kamran.Azar@northernhealth.ca phone: 250-261-7458 or the Regional Director Diagnostic Services Lisette.Vienneau@northernhealth.ca phone 250-793-7214.

We look forward to your application and the opportunity to work together to enhance laboratory services within Northern Health.

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