



## Palliative Care/Geriatric Advanced Nephrology Fellowship

This is a 12-month fellowship focusing on either Palliative Care or Geriatrics Nephrology and offered through collaboration of BC Renal and the UBC Division of Nephrology

**Number of Positions:** 1 per year

**Duration:** 1 year

**Start date:** July 1, 2027

**Application deadline:** September 1, 2026

**Location:** Vancouver General Hospital & St Paul's Hospital

**Salary & Benefits:** \$91,710 CAD per annum plus benefits

**Rationale:** Palliative care and Geriatric medicine are vitally important components in the spectrum of integrated nephrology patient care. There is growing recognition that those impacted by chronic kidney disease are geriatric and would benefit from expertise in delivering a truly palliative approach to care. The Geriatric/Palliative Care Nephrology Advanced Fellowship is a 12-month program, offered in collaboration with BC Renal and the UBC Divisions of Nephrology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care, focuses on the intersection of nephrology, geriatrics and palliative care. The 12-month fellowship will be offered to focus primarily on either geriatrics or palliative care to permit adequate enhanced capacity development for the trainee and for the BC/Canadian nephrology community. Given the intersection between Palliative Care and Geriatrics, the program will be tailored to the successful applicants primary interests and may include some components of both specialties.

Given the long relationship that Nephrologists have with the chronic kidney disease patient group, there is a need to integrate geriatric comprehensive assessment/management, serious illness conversations/advanced care planning, and end of life and symptom management, into Nephrology training. The advanced age of many nephrology patients highlights the intersection of geriatrics and nephrology and the inherent value of combined skills and enhanced training to deliver optimal care. This dedicated fellowship supports the development of skills and expertise in comprehensive geriatric medicine, and/or conservative care, end of life discussions/decisions, and symptom assessment and management in treatment plans.

### **Objectives:**

- To develop expertise in comprehensive Geriatric assessments, including cognitive/memory assessment and management, falls and mobility issues, and polypharmacy and deprescribing.
- To develop expertise and enhanced skills in appropriate Geriatric pre-surgical assessments.
- To develop expertise in the clinical assessment and management of symptoms, and of conservative care in the context of all patients with CKD irrespective of modality (non-dialysis, dialysis, or transplant).
- To develop knowledge of palliative care methodologies and frameworks applicable to CKD patient care.
- To develop an in-depth knowledge of biology and pharmacology related to symptom management in CKD.
- To gain an understanding and experience in the administration of provincial health services within the context of BC Renal and Health authorities Nephrology services, as well as Geriatric and Palliative care resources.



- To gain experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of integrated Geriatric and Palliative care programs, and in resource allocation.
- To gain experience in development and implementation of educational programs, tailored for nephrology staff.
- To gain experience in evaluation of program and quality metrics.

**Eligibility:** Individuals who have completed 24 months of training in an accredited Canadian Nephrology program. Currently, we are accepting applications from Canadian residents though we will consider trainees who have completed at least one year of training in Canada and intending to continue to work and live in Canada.

**Application:**

Applicants should complete the application form by clicking on the [application link here](#) and attach their letter of intent, CV, and three references.

Thank you for your interest.