

## **Medication Safety Leader (BC)**

0.5 FTE Contract Position  
Virtual Home Office (BC)  
September 2010 – September 2011

### ***The Context***

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Medication Safety has been identified by the BC Ministry of Health Services and Accreditation Canada as a key focal point to improve patient and resident care in our health system. It is a complex topic which required coordination and collaboration between numerous partners. Safer Healthcare Now! in partnership with ISMP Canada lead the National efforts to spread Medication Reconciliation across the continuum.

### ***The Position: Medication Safety Leader (BC)***

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Under the guidance of the Western Node Leader of Safer Healthcare Now! and the Executive Director, BCPSQC, this position will provide support to medication safety initiatives in BC, with a specific focus on medication reconciliation. Another key function will be to create a BC medication safety network that is connected with the National Network through Safer Healthcare Now!

### ***Core Responsibilities***

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- Develops linkages and relationships with front-line teams in BC who are working on Medication Safety and provides support through coaching and mentoring;
- Works closely with the BCPSQC to explore opportunities at a provincial level that will help to facilitate implementation of medication reconciliation across the province;
- Creates and compiles medication safety materials that can be used by all interested parties in BC;
- Develops relationships with the professional bodies (Pharmacy, community pharmacy, nursing and others) to eventually support front-line professionals in their practice;
- Works closely with the BCPSQC and Western Node of SHN to determine educational initiatives throughout the term of the contract.
- Works closely with the ISMP Canada to build the knowledge and identify good practices in BC

### ***Expected Outcomes***

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- Provide effective support and linkages to the BC front line teams working on Medication Safety.
- New Medication Safety materials and resources are developed for use by BC healthcare professionals.
- Medication safety initiatives are identified, planned, managed and evaluated.
- Queries from across the province about a variety of Medication safety issues are effectively answered and addressed.

## ***The Person – Experience, Skills, Abilities and Attitudes***

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### ***Education and Experience***

- Bachelors in health care or related field or equivalent experience (Pharmacy background preferred)
- Safety and quality training.
- Minimum three (3) years experience in the safety and quality improvement field.
- Extensive knowledge on Medication Safety and Medication Reconciliation

### ***Skills, Abilities and Attitudes***

- Excellent project management skills with a focus on process and sound evidence-based information gathering.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written).
- Excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Proven strategic thinking and analytical skills.
- Ability to build long-term productive relationships with stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to work well under pressure and manage concurrent projects.
- Willing to travel throughout the province of BC, with occasional travel out of province.

### ***Compensation and Reporting***

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To be discussed during interview.

The person in this position will report to the Executive Director, BC Patient Safety & Quality Council and Western Node Leader of Safer Healthcare Now!

### ***Please send your resume to:***

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