



We fight as innovators. As boundary-pushers. We fight as world leaders in emergency medical care. We fight because every life is worth it. When our first helicopter took flight in 1985, we radically changed the way critical care was delivered. Our crews comprise of life-saving professionals that receive advanced medical training to save lives. Every patient aboard a STARS helicopter is in the care of crews who excel and are innovative in their roles. Totally patient-centered, we're finding ways to get to the people who need us, no matter where they are. From improving our reach in rural areas to leveraging technology, we're finding ways to bridge the gap and make the impossible, possible. It means using advanced technology stocked on board every STARS helicopter, it means equipping our teams with the right tools to ensure our patients receive the highest level of care available.

STARS is a charitable, non-profit organization that flies over 3,000 missions each year providing time, hope and life-saving care for the critically ill and injured. If you care about doing work that makes an impact in people's lives, we want to hear from you.

**Position: Transport Physician**

**Location: Saskatoon Base (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service)**

**Term: (One-year locum, starting ASAP. This contract may be eligible for a 3-year contract extension after the locum period)**

**Anticipated Time Commitment: 48 hours/month (call and base/flying time)**

**Position Summary**

The Transport Physician reports to the STARS Saskatoon Medical Director and works with a team of highly skilled medical providers specializing in the care of critically ill and injured patients.

**Key Areas of Involvement**

The Transport Physician will be an acute care practitioner (emergency medicine, anesthesia, ICU, trauma surgery) who will work with a Registered Flight Nurse, and Critical Care Paramedic either in person or on-line, to provide high quality care and service, which includes rapid response assessment, intervention, and safe transport of critically ill or injured patients of all ages from the scene of an accident or during inter-facility transfer. This service is provided twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week.

**Core Competencies:**

- STARS Saskatoon Transport Physicians (TP) facilitate Critical Care Patient Transfers in Saskatchewan via both remote consult or by physically attending the patient;
- STARS Transport Physicians do on average 48 hours of a mix of call and base time/month;
- On-call can be remote; however, the TP must be able to respond within 15 minutes to a heli-pad or base and be ready with flight suit, boots and requisite gear;
- All TPs must be available to be reached by cell phone while on call or at base;
- Base days are an expectation for all TPs and require the TP to be physically present for a period of the day shift on the first Tuesday of every month if they are the TP on call that day with availability to fly on all scene calls and interfacility transfers;

- TPs may periodically need to fly on fixed wing flights and use ground ambulances to aid in critical care patient transfers;
- TPs will be required to participate in a process of performance review at regular intervals as a means of supporting continuing learning and effectiveness in the role.
- TPs are also required to provide over the phone medical control for Saskatchewan Air Ambulance when on call and when required.

**Qualifications & Required Experience:**

- Be an acute care practitioner in Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia, ICU, or Trauma Surgery;
- Be licensed to practice in Saskatchewan with an active certificate of registration for independent practice and in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;
- Be certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada;
- Understand Saskatchewan’s critical care and Red Patient Referral transfer systems;
- Demonstrate commitment to quality assurance and quality improvement;
- Have a thorough knowledge of current and new/emerging quality guidelines and standards for critical care transport and pre-hospital medicine;
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- Have a demonstrated track record of leading high acuity teams;
- Participate in a process of performance review at regular intervals, as a means of supporting continuing learning and effectiveness in the role.

More importantly you will be a key member of the STARS organization and a link in our ability to execute our mission of saving lives safely within the chain of survival. As this position has been identified as safety sensitive, employment of the preferred candidate will be conditional upon successful completion of required pre-employment alcohol and drug assessment.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to become a member of Practitioner Staff and provide care in Saskatchewan Health Authority facilities.

**How to apply:**

If you are the person we are looking for and would like to make a difference with your career, be sure to forward your expression of interest and curriculum vitae electronically, to: Darcy McKay, Saskatchewan Provincial Director at: [dmckay@stars.ca](mailto:dmckay@stars.ca) no later than 5 pm MST on December 13, 2021.

STARS thanks all applicants for their efforts in advance. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.