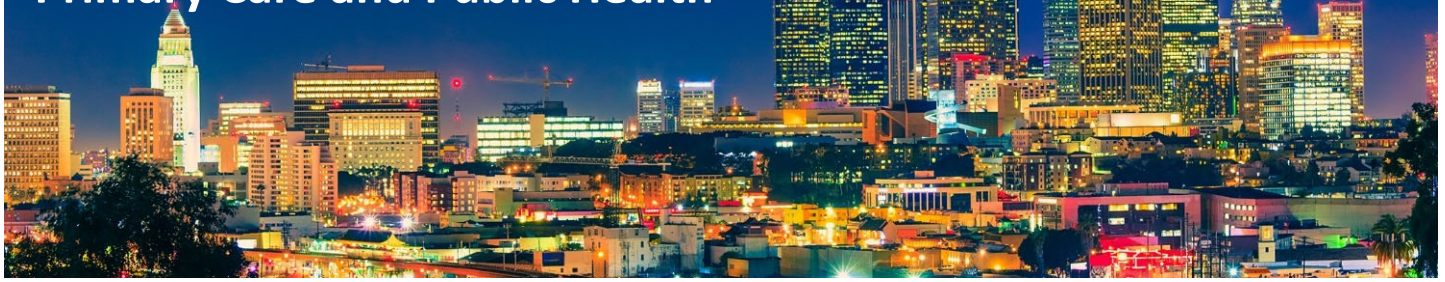


Vacancy Announcement

PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST

Primary Care and Public Health



About DPH and DHS

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is one of the largest public health departments in the nation and is nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. The department has an annual budget of over \$2 billion and a staff of over 5,500. DPH works to protect and improve the health and well-being of the 10 million residents within the large and diverse County through a variety of programs, community partnerships, and public health focused clinical services in 14 health centers.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is the second largest municipal health system in the nation. Through an integrated system of 28 health centers and four hospitals – and partnerships with community-based clinics – DHS cares for over 800,000 unique patients, employs over 23,000 staff each year and has an annual budget of over \$6 billion. Through academic affiliations with local universities DHSs hospitals are training sites for physicians in nearly every specialty.

LAC offers its employees a comprehensive and competitive benefits package and an attractive salary structure.

An exciting opportunity to work for both Public Health and Health Services

Position Summary

For DPH Clinical Services, the physician will work in the tuberculosis and/or sexual health clinics. They will join a team of highly skilled and energetic clinicians, nurses, and field investigators whose work informs and guides LAC's progressive response to communicable diseases. They will report to the Medical Director of Clinic Services at DPH.

For DHS, the physician will work in the Ambulatory Care Network's (ACN) adult primary care clinics. They will report to the Primary Care Director at their clinic.

This is a full time, in-person position. It requires split clinical time in two or more separate locations in Los Angeles County depending on service needs. Hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm, with potential for evening and/or weekend hours.

How to Apply

For more information about this position, please contact Franklin D. Pratt, MD, MPHTM, FACEP, Chief, Physician Administration, Division of Medical and Dental Affairs, DPH at fpratt@ph.lacounty.gov.

If you are interested in this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Pratt
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complete an application for the Physician Specialist exam for both Health Services ([Exam No. Y5476E](#)) and Public Health ([Exam No. PH5476A](#)) at governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty (if you are not already on the list of physicians eligible for Physician Specialist). Note that the online application is for physicians filling various positions in the County but does not include information specific to this position.

Key Responsibilities in Primary Care and Public Health

In DPH:

- Perform physical examinations, diagnose and treat patients.
- Prescribe treatment, monitor patient's progress and adapt treatment as required.
- Perform minor surgical procedures in routine and emergency situations.
- Advise nursing and related personnel as to the administration of medication and treatment; write orders.
- Give or determine the need for special tests, order laboratory tests as necessary; interpret special tests.
- Consult with other physicians regarding cases as necessary. Explain history, course of treatment, and status of assigned cases; participate in conferences concerning other patients; recommend future treatment.
- Keep medical records in the Oracle Health/Cerner electronic health record. Prepare records such as progress notes, comprehensive care plans, summaries, review and follow-up on proxied lab and diagnostic tests, etc.
- Counsel patients and relatives about physical, medical, and mental conditions; secure cooperation and/or permission of treatment from patients and relatives.
- Assist with communicable disease outbreaks, including diagnostic testing as well as taking call to provide consultation to hospitals and other facilities, as needed.

In DHS:

- Perform all duties associated with direct primary care patient activities including: assessment and management of primary care patient concerns, build rapport and communicate well with patients; order, review, and assess diagnostic test results; coordinate care with subspecialist colleagues; document patient encounters in the Oracle Health/Cerner electronic health record; and manage EHR inbox messages in a timely manner.
- Be part of a multi-disciplinary team that includes health educators, community health workers, and behavioral health professionals to address social and behavioral determinants of health (SBDOH).
- Complete expected diagnostic screening assessments for common chronic diseases including hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, cervical and breast cancer, osteoporosis, and prostate cancer.
- Provide evaluation and treatment for urgent conditions as they arise, including viral infections, minor injuries, joint complaints, rashes, gastrointestinal complaints.
- Provide routine treatment for the most basic behavioral health conditions including depression, anxiety, grief.
- Develop individualized treatment plans for patients with standard chronic conditions.
- Champion QI project or other initiative at the discretion of the Primary Care Director.
- Supervisory Patient Care (if applicable).
- Supervise and train house staff, medical students, NP, or PA students.

Requirements

- California Physician and Surgeon's License.
- California Driver License or ability to utilize other transportation when needed.
- Completion of a residency and eligibility approved by an American Specialty Board in one or more of the following: Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and/or Preventive Medicine.

The ideal candidate would have the following experience and attributes:

- A passion for caring for the underserved.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, teamwork, and oral and written communication.
- Experience with Tuberculosis and/or sexually transmitted infections (STI) care is a plus but not required. Physicians will undergo supportive and comprehensive training in each to obtain privileges.
- Experience working in a safety net health system or health department is a plus.