

Elective Description

Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) – South Island (Victoria) Elective description

Elective: VIHA-SI Community Nephrology, 2- or 4-week rotation

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1. Please fill out the following table for Nephrology inpatients and outpatients.

Hospital	In-patients					Outpatients	
	Number of Teaching Staff	Number of Teaching Beds	Number of CTUs	Admissions Per 4 Weeks	Consults Per 4 Weeks	New Referrals Per 4 Weeks	Follow-up Visits Per 4 Weeks
RJH	8	N/A	0	Variable (majority not direct to Neph)	~40-50	For resident – 10-15	For resident – 5-10

2. Comment on structure, function, and resident assessment:

Each week, the learner will be paired with a primary Nephrologist to guide their experience.

A **typical day** entails morning and afternoon in-patient rounds followed by out-patient clinics. On average, learners are scheduled for one day/evening (24-hour) home call shift per week and one weekend (Friday to Sunday) per rotation. The schedule is flexible and tailored to meet the learner's specific goals and experience levels. At the conclusion of the rotation, feedback is provided, incorporating insights from nephrologists and staff who closely interacted with the learner.

3. Describe the Nephrology teaching program for Internal Medicine residents:

Located in Victoria, BC, our community-based nephrology practice consists of a team of eight full-time Nephrologists. Throughout the rotation, learners will work in both in-patient and out-patient practice settings, and gain exposure to all facets of nephrology, including CKD, dialysis, home therapies and transplant. Teaching primarily occurs through consultations and case reviews, with additional opportunities for academic engagement such as journal club discussions, biopsy rounds, and lectures.