

A Family Medicine elective in the Chassidic Jewish community.

Practice medicine in our small village: Refuah V'Chesed

The **GMF The Montreal Center for Health and Care** is a grassroots non-profit medical clinic founded by the Chassidic Jewish Community in Montreal. The clinic provides health care services for the twenty thousand strong Chassidic community of Montreal, but also welcomes any member of the Montreal Community.

Family medicine residents who join us for an elective will be introduced to our pro-active, cradle to grave approach to health care provision. We offer prise en charge (from newborns to the elderly) and walk in services at the clinic, home care for elderly and palliative care patients, in clinic services like intravenous medication administration, vaccinations, minor surgery, casting, cryosurgery, ECG, blood taking, throat urine and abscess cultures, and point of care ultrasound.

Two of our physicians are internationally recognized Point of Care Ultrasound educators and will offer instruction on integrating POCUS into primary care.

Our community services include home care, hospital liaison, kosher food and translation services for hospitalized patients as well as health care guidance.

Access to both consultant services as well as imaging for our patients is excellent. Our community health care workers follow up to assure that patients receive timely consultations and imaging.

Our multidisciplinary team includes McGill trained Family Physicians, a nurse practitioner specialized in primary care, two nurses, a psychologist, a dietician, a pharmacist, a cardiologist and a local Chassidic community health care worker.

Because 80% of our patients belong to the Chassidic Jewish community, family medicine residents will be introduced to the fascinating interface between Jewish religious law, Jewish medical ethics, and the provision of primary care. Our GMF has well developed corridors with the local Rabbis who assist us in providing care that is sensitive to the needs of this community.

Join us for a memorable family medicine elective!

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