PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER Portland, Oregon Division Vancouver, Washington Division **Community Based Outpatient Clinics** Bend, OR Salem, OR VA Medical Center Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR) Portland, Oregon NOTICE OF VACANCY 1. **Announcement Number** 2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary 3. Tour of Duty 4. Duty Station **Hospital and Specialty** T38-10-0164-SJ Physician (Cardiac M-F Care Division. Electrophysiologist) FS Work conditions Portland, OR may require some AD/VM-602-15 rotation in tour of \$97,987 to \$375,000 per annum, duty Dependent upon qualifications and experience. (Based on full-time employment) 5. Type & Number of Vacancies 6. Contact 7. Opening Date 8. Closing Date 08/02/2010 Human Resources Assistant 07/07/2010 Permanent **1** Full-time position 503-273-5236

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

• Career or career conditional employees, Veteran's Canteen Service and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement.

• Any US Citizen

#### MAJOR DUTIES:

An adult clinical cardiac electrophysiologist at the Portland VA Medical Center is assigned as a clinician-educator or as a clinician-researcher to the Cardiology Section. He or she will take specialty call for the section approximately 7 or 8 weeks per year. This requires daily interaction by telephone or telemedicine consult with physicians from other VA hospital and clinics in the South Cascades Alliance or VISN 20, as well as with non-VA physicians who require help with care or transfer of a veteran patient from an outside hospital to the Portland VA Medical Center. In addition, he or she may attend in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CCU) and be responsible for the care of all cardiac patients in the CCU for several two-week blocks per year. The incumbent may also lead the Cardiology consult service for several two week blocks per year. This entails responsibility for evaluating and managing cardiovascular problems in all inpatients at the Portland VA Medical Center outside the CCU, and requires several hours per day of rounding and supervision with a House Staff team. He or she will conduct bedside teaching with Internal Medicine House Officers on a daily basis during CCU or Consult Service rounds, as well as supervise them in the performance and interpretation of bedside procedures, ECG reading and exercise tests. He or she will also supervise clinical cardiac electrophysiology fellows in the evaluation of patients, the interpretation of diagnostic tests, and the performance of cardiac procedures in the electrophysiology catheterization laboratory. As part of these clinical duties the incumbent will need to be an expert in the interpretation of cardiovascular tests including echocardiography. In addition, he or she will be expected to contribute time to didactic teaching of medical students, Medical House Officers, Cardiology Fellows, non-medical students in OHSU's Physician Assistant Training Program and Adult Nurse Practitioner Training Program as well as the Oregon State University College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy Training Program. He or she may be assigned administrative, managerial, quality management, or quality of care responsibilities through participation in clinical and educational administrative committees, task groups or special work groups within the medical center.

An adult clinical cardiac electrophysiologist has additional subspecialty training in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac rhythm disorders using specialized diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. The diagnostic techniques include non-invasive studies such as event and Holter monitoring, signal averaged electrocardiograms, and tilt table testing. Invasive diagnostic techniques include comprehensive electrophysiologic testing via intracardiac catheters and implantation of cardiac event monitors. The therapeutic techniques fall into two basic categories: device-based and the catheter-based ablation of arrhythmias. During catheter based procedures they may use intra-cardiac diagnostic tools such as three dimensional mapping and intravascular ultrasound. Clinical cardiac electrophysiologists also perform surgical procedures to implant pacemakers, defibrillator, resynchronization devices, cardiac monitors, and the leads required by these devices. In addition they perform internal and external cardioversion. Clinical cardiac electrophysiologists are proficient in the administration of the moderate and deep sedation that is usually required to perform electrophysiologic procedures.

Training consists of at least one year of a recognized subspecialty fellowship in clinical cardiac electrophysiology, or demonstration of prior, substantial experience in clinical cardiac electrophysiology techniques which began before the establishment of clinical cardiac electrophysiology fellowships and which is ongoing.

#### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

### THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

<u>Eligibility</u>: Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G2) for AD/VM-602 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have a Degree of doctor of medicine or an equivalent degree resulting from a course of education in medicine.
- Must provide evidence of an active, current, full and unrestricted license to practice Medicine or Surgery in a State, Territory or Commonwealth of the U.S. or the District of Columbia.
- Must be board-certified or board eligible in Internal Medicine.
- Must be board-eligible in Cardiovascular Disease and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, however, applicants that are board-certified are preferred.
- Applicants must have training and be able to function independently in the ablation of atrial fibrillation, left atrial tachycardias, and ventricular tachycardia including the techniques of transseptal puncture, pulmonary vein isolation, advanced 3-D mapping, and the performance and interpretation of intracardiac and transesophageal echocardiography.
- Preferred applicants will have the National Board of Echocardiography Examination of Special Competence in Adult Echocardiography (ASCeXAM) certification in echocardiography.

# **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.
- A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).
- <u>VACareers</u> has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

# HOW TO APPLY:

# Portland VAMC Permanent Employees must submit a

1. VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment

#### Other VA Permanent Employees must submit

- 1. VA Form 10-2850 Application For Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, and Optometrists
- 2. Curriculum vita should be enclosed as additional information
- 3. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later).
- 4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
- 5. Copies of all current licenses
- 6. Latest performance appraisal

# Non VA Applicants must submit:

- 1. VA Form 10-2850 Application For Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, and Optometrists
- 2. Curriculum vita should be enclosed as additional information
- 3. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later).
- 4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (FOR 5 POINT Veteran's Preference).
  - b. <u>SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference</u> (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
- 5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).

- 6. Copies of all current licenses.
- 7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 08/02/2010. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website,

http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr

Applications may be mailed to: Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

#### Attn: T38-10-0164-SJ PO Box 1034 Portland, OR 97207

**APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:** 

Or brought in person to: Portland VA Medical Center 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd Building 16, Room 300 Portland OR 97239

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <u>http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html</u>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is
  responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application
  package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your
  training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training
  record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed
  in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material;
  applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.