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issue

## Medicine & Motherhood

Mother and daughter have shared experiences as doctors and parents

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Nominations open March 26

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Changes effective April 1

# IMG Clinical Observership PROGRAM

Several IMGs seeking matches

PHYSICIANS INTERESTED IN THE IMG CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM CAN CONTACT

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**T**he IMG Clinical Observership Program matches Canadian licensed physicians with international medical graduates (IMGs) to provide both cultural and practical Canadian health-care learning. The program is joint collaboration between Doctors Nova Scotia, Immigrant

Settlement & Integration Services (ISIS), and the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine.

The four IMGs featured here are among several who are looking for opportunities to be a part of the IMG Clinical Observership Program, and obtaining exposure to real-life Canadian practice.



**Dr. Arun Salunkhe**

Dr. Arun Salunkhe received his MBBS in India in 2007. His experience includes working as a general practitioner for two years and a one-year clinical internship. For the past year, Dr. Salunkhe has been studying and preparing for the Canadian Medical Council of Canada exams. He completed the USMLE Step I and II and plans to sit for the MCC evaluating exam in June 2012. He's looking for an observership to learn about the Canadian medical system as he plans to also sit for the CAPP assessment. Dr. Salunkhe is fluent in English and Hindi.



**Dr. Mahmoud Alkhatib**

Dr. Mahmoud Alkhatib is a neurosurgeon from Syria. He completed a six-year residency in Syria and continued with neurosurgery training for four years in France. He arrived in Nova Scotia in 2008. Since then he successfully completed the MCC evaluation and qualifying part I exam. He also completed ACLS training. For the time being, Dr. Alkhatib is involved in the Atlantic PATH Project as one of the assessment clinic staff working on research to better understand the factors influencing the development of cancer. He's fluent in English, French and Arabic.



**Dr. Arzu Yildirim**

Dr. Arzu Yildirim graduated with an MD from Turkey in 1991. She's a general practitioner with more than 15 years' experience as an emergency medicine and family physician. Dr. Arzu passed MCCEE, MCCQE I and sat for CAPP. She also completed ACLS certification. Dr. Arzu attended a mentorship program with Dr. Anne Houston in 2008. She's currently preparing for MCCQE II and CAPP. She's fluent in English and Turkish.



**Dr. Ozgen Yildirim**

Dr. Ozgen Yildirim graduated from Ankara University in 1990. He's a general practitioner with 17 years' experience in family and emergency medicine with supervising duties. He passed the MCCEE and MCCQE P1, and successfully completed MCCQE P2 and CAPP 2011. He completed the IMG Clinical Orientation Program at Dalhousie University and has ACLS certification. He had an opportunity to work as an IMG Bridging Program coordinator at ISIS and as a patient assistant at Capital Health. He's fluent in English and Turkish. He's a volunteer ambassador at Capital Health, and a member of the Association of International Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and the Turkish Society of Nova Scotia.