

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE SERVICES
Department of Veterans Affairs
Portland Health Care System

The Department of Veterans Affairs Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) is recruiting for a Chief of Emergency Medicine Services. VAPORHCS is the number one growing level 1A tertiary VA Hospital in the Nation. VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center overlooking the city of Portland, the Vancouver Campus in Vancouver, WA, and nine outpatient clinics across Central and Northwest Oregon. VAPORHCS provides a full continuum of inpatient, outpatient, long-term, and emergent care, serving nearly 90,000 veterans annually. VAPORHCS is proud to host 12 national-level Centers of Excellence that lead research efforts across a wide spectrum of medical specialties

The Chief of Emergency Medicine Services is responsible for the clinical operations of the VAPORHCS Emergency Department (ED). The Chief of Emergency Medicine Services is accountable to the Deputy Director, Patient Care Services for the delivery of high quality, cost-efficient, and safe care while meeting or exceeding performance goals and doing so with the highest ethical standards. Last year, the Emergency Medicine Service saw 29,000 patients with an admission rate in excess of 20 percent. To accomplish its mission, the Service includes 17.8 FTE, with a mix of 12 physicians, 4 mid-level providers and 1 administrative employee. The Department is staffed with board certified Emergency Medicine physicians at all times. We seek a board certified Emergency Medicine physician with a track record of administrative and clinical operations leadership. Additional responsibilities include support of medical education programs and faculty research. The new Chief will have the opportunity to be involved in the construction of a new ED.

VAPORHCS has a close relationship with our academic affiliate, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), to which it is physically connected by a sky bridge. The VAPORHCS Emergency Medicine Service (EMS) is a clinical rotation site for OHSU Department of Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and Anesthesiology residents as well as visiting and OHSU medical students. The EMS also maintains academic affiliations for training Paramedic, Physician Assistant and Nursing students. VAPORHCS has a robust research program, with over \$32 million in grant funding. VAPORHCS is a leader in high quality, cost effective clinical care, having been recently recognized as among the best by CMS Hospital Compare, recipient of a 2013 Joint Commission Top Performer Award on Key Quality Measures and a 2013 National Center for Patient Safety Cornerstone Silver Level Award. VAPORHCS is also a Magnet Recognition Program Facility. VAPORHCS and the EMS are committed to innovation and process improvement and utilizes the VA-TAMMCS (Team-Aim-Map-Measure-Change-Sustain) model to actively study current practices and to develop evidence-based improvements.

Applicants are invited to send a Curriculum Vitae and cover letter to Mark S. Chesnutt, M.D. (mark.chesnutt@va.gov). Applicants must be US citizens, board certified in Emergency Medicine and hold an unrestricted medical license from any state, territory or commonwealth of the United States.