MCH Branch of Division of Global HIV/AIDS Career Opportunity
PMTCT Medical Officer (Atlanta)

This announcement is intended for U.S. citizens who are qualified physicians, Medical Officers (GS-0602-14) and Commissioned Corps Officers.

Job Title: PMTCT Medical Officer (GS-0602-14)
Location: CDC Corporate Square, Atlanta, Georgia

Position Opening and Closing Dates: April 10 – May 4, 2012

The Maternal and Child Health Branch, Division of Global HIV/AIDS, Center for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking one or more qualified and motivated candidates for positions as medical officers. Preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV is a high priority of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a U.S. Government initiative coordinated by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator in Washington, D.C. The Division of Global HIV/AIDS is a key partner in PEPFAR, which supports comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs in high HIV burden, resource-limited countries, primarily in Africa and in more than 40 countries with bilateral HIV/AIDS programs globally.

Qualifications for this position:

You must be a U.S. citizen and a U.S. licensed physician, or have permanent certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to apply.

Experience as a Senior Medical Officer:

- Providing advice and consultation as a nationally or internationally recognized consultant and expert in support of Ministries of Health HIV programs for women and children.
- Provides substantial input in the day-to-day technical and scientific planning, implementation, and analysis of the medical aspects of scientific research studies.
- Conceives, plans, evaluates, coordinates and implements activities related to research programs, projects, etc. utilizing information provided from the entire scientific and medical community
- Serves as a liaison with other CDC organizational units, International, national, district or other local public health officials, and other federal and non-governmental agencies, to achieve desired public health objectives.
- Serves as scientific/medical consultant for review of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with international organizations and partners, community-based organizations, and other governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations.
- Works independently and consultatively with the Branch Chief, Team Leaders and other Team members to achieve Branch and Team goals and objectives.
- Supervises EIS officer, and student interns and provides consultation and direction on conceptualization, design, implementation, and presentation of the results of epidemiological-evaluation studies and surveillance projects conducted by junior scientists.
• Provides evaluation of medical research or the identification of causes or sources of disease or disease outbreaks.

Experience in the following would be an asset:

• Working in public health programs in resource-limited settings, primarily in Africa;
• Working in PMTCT public health programs and clinical service delivery; or
• Applied knowledge of HIV epidemiology or program evaluation

This experience should be highlighted on the CV/resume submitted with your application.

Applicants should apply for the GS14 level.

The position is located in the PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission) Team in the Maternal and Child Health Branch, Division of Global HIV/AIDS (DGHA), and is supervised by the PMTCT Team Lead. The incumbent provides technical assistance to DGHA field programs on enhancing the scale-up of high quality PMTCT services, including travel to countries for on-site consultation. Particular emphasis is given to high HIV burden countries in the President’s Emergency Plan. Experience working with public health programs in Africa is desirable.

He/she would assist with the design, implementation and evaluation of PMTCT programs and projects for Emergency Plan countries and would assist with development of PMTCT-related aspects of annual country operational plans. He/she would make presentations and engage in discussions, represent PEPFAR PMTCT programs to senior officials at CDC, USG, MOHs, international organizations, WHO, UNICEF, Global Fund, etc. He/she would provide leadership and consultation on all aspects of PMTCT program implementation and scale-up at headquarters, including development of policies, guidelines and training materials.

The incumbent would participate as a member of the PEPFAR PMTCT/Pediatric Technical Working Group. He/she may be involved in the performance of operations research on programmatic implementation of PMTCT activities, and work on design of protocols, data collection, data analysis, and publication in cooperation with colleagues at CDC headquarters in the field in PEPFAR-supported countries. Experience with program evaluation and operational research skills is desirable.

The work is complex and fast paced and requires working successfully with teams, technical expertise, and political and cultural sensitivity. The incumbent must be mature and able to work independently and consultatively. The position involves travel (25-35%) to different countries to work with DGHA and other USG field offices, Ministry of Health PMTCT programs, WHO, UNICEF, USAID, and other UN agencies and non-governmental agencies. A basic knowledge of French is an asset to this position but not required.

USAJobs.gov CDC Continuous Recruitment Medical Officer GS-602-14 Job Announcement Numbers:

HHS-OHR-EM-12-576118 for internal USG applicants (e.g., at least one year USG career conditional service). PHS Commissioned Corps Officers are encouraged to apply under this announcement.
**HHS-OHR-ED-12-575306** for external applicants (e.g., non-federal government status, US Citizens)

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For information about the application process and the roles and responsibilities of this position, please contact Steven Terrell-Perica at sit9@cdc.gov