

Public Health Advocate Position

Project BRIEF, an HIV testing, counseling, and research program, and CT/GC Research Study, a new chlamydia and gonorrhea screening and research program, based at North Bronx Healthcare Network, are seeking applicants for the position of a Public Health Advocate. This full-time position offers employees exposure to a direct, clinical experience working with Bronx patients throughout the hospital. The position also provides the opportunity to build and exercise skills in data management and analysis. Employees will work in the Emergency Department of Jacobi Medical Center and/or North Central Bronx Hospital to perform the following duties:

Primary Responsibilities for Project BRIEF:

- Recruitment of patients for rapid HIV testing
- Performance of rapid oral HIV testing in several locations within the hospital, including:
 - Adult and Pediatric Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Area, Inpatient Wards, and Outpatient Clinics
- Documentation of HIV testing in electronic medical records
- HIV prevention counseling and education for all patients tested for HIV.
- Escort newly diagnosed patients to the HIV clinic during standard business hours
- Database management for the BRIEF program and any other research studies done on the program.
- Responsible for data entry, partner notification and quality improvement efforts.
- Participation in focus group and individual interviewing of patients for program enhancement
- Assist program leaders in grant preparation
- Assist program leaders in manuscript preparation and development
- Attendance at job-related educational seminars

Primary Responsibilities for CT/GC Screening Program

- Recruitment of patients in the targeted age group and sex for the chlamydia and gonorrhea screening within the Emergency Department
- Communication with the ED staff that will be performing the urine screening, in order to ensure all recruited patients are tested
- Revision of the patient's results in the electronic medical record system and entering the data for future analysis
- Communicating with the Follow-up Office to ensure the patient has an appointment to receive their results
- Other responsibilities for this project are similar to those for Project BRIEF mentioned above.

Organizational Relationships:

- Reports to the Program Manager and Leadership Physicians of Project BRIEF
- Works collaboratively with other PHAs/Client Navigators & Interns affiliated with Project BRIEF

Previous employees of Project BRIEF have successfully moved on to pursue degrees in medicine (M.D.) and public health (MPH).

As per the nature of the job environment, it is preferable that the applicant speak Spanish proficiently.

Interested applicants: Please submit a **resume** and **cover letter** to Jennifer.Zahn@nbhn.net as soon as possible.