



**Central Pennsylvania Clinic –
A Medical Home for Special Children and Adults
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Central Pennsylvania Clinic – *A Medical Home for Special Children and Adults* is seeking a family physician-scientist to join their medical staff in Belleville, Pennsylvania as a full-time family physician.

About Central Pennsylvania Clinic

The Clinic's principal missions are providing primary care, elements of sub-specialty care, and conducting clinical research for special children and adults who suffer from genetic disease. Our patients are mainly drawn from Amish, Mennonite, and English Communities of Central and Western Pennsylvania.

We are seeking a Family Physician to join the Clinic's Medical Staff who will serve with the other Clinic physicians and nurses in the care of patients and their families, both in-Clinic and in-home. The work is an opportunity to participate in primary care of patients, in a setting in which such care is often complicated by the underlying complexities of genetic disease.

The Clinic, located in Belleville, thirty-two miles south of State College, is at the center of the Kishacoquillas "Big" Valley in Mifflin County. The Valley is rural, dappled with family farms, light industry, and small towns. The surrounding mountains and near-by streams, rivers, and lakes offer superb, close-at-hand outdoor recreation in every season.

Holmes Morton MD, current Medical Director and Founder of the Clinic, describes work in the Central Pennsylvania Clinic as follows:

- *I find that approximately 20% of the more than 129 genetic disorders seen... are readily diagnosed, highly treatable, and should cause little morbidity and mortality - examples include aldosterone deficiency due to methyl oxidase II deficiency, medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, type 6 glycogen storage disease, phenylketonuria, congenital hypothyroidism, & hereditary spherocytosis.*
- *Approximately 20% of the disorders seen... are lethal --- infantile nemalin rod myopathy, severe recessive microcephaly, GM1 gangliosidosis, & mevalonic acidemia. Although a disease may be ultimately untreatable and lethal, infants and children who have such disorders often live months or years. They suffer with ear infections, dehydration and thirst, hunger and malnutrition, and many other common miseries. They, and their parents and siblings, require skillful and thoughtful care. We must provide such care, and we do in-Clinic, and in-home hospice visits.*
- *The other 60% of disorders are those wherein early recognition and careful management allow children... and adults... to lead more normal lives: effective care reduces disability, reduces the need for wheel chairs, physical therapy, special education, and reduces the number of hospital days per year. Careful clinical observations continue to provide new, useful insights into the natural history of these diseases and improve therapies and outcomes: type 1 glutaric aciduria, maple syrup urine disease, pyruvate kinase deficiency, classical Crigler-Najjar disease, dominant osteogenesis imperfecta, Bartter syndrome, adrenal insufficiency due to 3 beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase deficiency.*

Among the Clinic's patients, the diseases Dr. Morton mentions above are common. In other settings, they are rarely encountered. Applicants are not expected to have experience caring for patients with the disorders found in our communities. Additionally, clinical care and clinical research are aided by an on-site CLIA laboratory that provides diagnostic and clinical treatment guidance.

The Clinic is recognized as a public charity under section 501(c)3 of the Federal Tax Code. Patient fees cover approximately 20% of the Clinic's operating expenses. Because most of our patients are from the Plain communities, our patients are self-pay, or helped with large medical bills through collections taken in their church communities. As a result, the Clinic does not seek or accept payment from commercial or government insurance programs. To make care accessible, our fees are kept as low as possible, and no patient or family is turned away because of an inability to pay.

The balance (80%) of the Clinic's operating expenses are paid through community fundraising activities. These include benefit auctions and dinners; donations from Plain and English individuals, businesses, and institutions; and grants and gifts from foundations, medical schools and hospitals, businesses, and other entities to support clinical operations, as well as clinical research.

The generous support of the Plain and English communities makes it possible for the Clinic to offer competitive salaries and benefits to employees.

Interested individuals should send cover letter, resume or CV to: dholmesmorton@gmail.com, and louisebyler@centralpaclinic.org Or mail to:

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Position Summary:

Location: *Belleville, Pennsylvania*

Position Title: *Family Physician / Assistant Medical Director*

Company Name: *Central Pennsylvania Clinic – A Medical Home for Special Children and Adults*

Clinic Governance: *Board of Directors – Including members of Anabaptist Churches professing the Dordrecht Confession of Faith (70%); Other Professionals including physicians and scientists (30%)*

Job Function: *Family Medicine Physician and Medical Director in training*

Job Type: *Full-Time (Part-Time also available)*

Minimum Education: *MD/DO*

Desired Experience: *2 years or more in practice*

Required Travel: *Approximately 5 – 20% time including participation in Special Clinics' Annual Conference, community fundraising events, patient consults, and lectures*