HEAL Initiative Fellow Role Description

**Position Title:** Anesthesia HEAL Fellow  
**Organization:** Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility (CCHCF)

The Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility (CCHCF) is based in Chinle, Arizona (Northeast Arizona near Canyon De Chelly National Monument). The CCHCF is a 60 bed hospital which serves as the health care hub for the region. The medical staff includes Family Physicians, Internists, Pediatricians, General Surgeons, OB/GYN’s, Anesthesiologists, and a Psychiatrist. In addition to routine outpatient and inpatient primary care, services available to our patients include: Adult Intensive Care, General Surgery (including laparoscopic surgery), routine and operative Obstetrics, and 24-Hour Emergency Room Services. Health care services are provided to approximately 37,000 active users. Strong Navajo cultural traditions exist within the community, offering an opportunity to learn the Navajo language, or to learn about traditional Navajo medicine.

**Department:** Anesthesia

The Anesthesia department consists of 1 full time Anesthesiologists and 1 full time CRNA. The Anesthesia department provides perioperative services and provides labor analgesia 24/7 in the hospital setting.

**Position Description:** Fellows will spend 80% of their time providing Perioperative Care and 15% on labor analgesia, with the remaining 5% for responding to codes and line placement in the hospital. Fellows can expect to cover the Anesthesia service when on call, and have approximately 1 hour of administrative time per week. Outside of clinical time, HEAL Fellows are expected to take key roles on patient improvement projects – ie, case presentations, reviews at monthly meetings etc. There is a robust SANE/SART program and if fellows are interested they could become a trained examiner.

Outpatient Care and 20% on Inpatient Care. Fellows can expect to cover as OB consultant when on call, and have approximately 4 hours of administrative time per week. Outside of clinical time, HEAL Fellows are expected to take key roles on patient improvement projects - ie postpartum wellness group for mothers who had GDM or preexisting DM to address lifetime risk of DM, implementing AIM bundles, prenatal classes, walk in PAP-only visit to improve screening, walk-in mammogram availability, case presentations, reviews at monthly meetings etc. There is a robust SANE/SART program and if fellows were interested they could become a trained examiner.

**Clinical Work**
- **Clinical hours per week:** approximately 60
- **Length of shifts (in hours):** 8 hours
- **# of day shifts vs swing shifts vs night shifts:** on call 1:3
- **Any 24-hour shifts?** When on call

- **Is there back-up for overnight call?** We are on campus if needed

- **# of weekends per month:** approximately 17 per year

- **What is typical clinical schedule on a given week?:** we have EGD, colonoscopies, lap chole, lap appy, Dental, and podiatry. Monday -----Friday

- **Administrative hours per week:** 6 hours

- **How does this compare to full time site employees?:** same

**Project Work**
- **Is there an expectation to participate in projects, committees, or other activities outside clinical duties?** Only if the candidate wishes

- **Is there protected time for those activities in the schedule?** yes

**Additional Details**
- **Who does the fellow go to with clinical and/or administrative questions?** Chief of Surgery, Clinical Director, Acting Clinical Director

- **Is there any formal or informal mentorship for new clinicians at this site?** Formal and informal

- **How are schedules made? Is there flexibility for shift or schedule requests?** Plenty of flexibility.

**Job Requirements:** By 1 July 2024 applicants must have completed residency training at a US-based residency program. Fellows must have the ability to practice as a solid full-scope Anesthesia and work in collaborative practice with other medical staff. Applicants must have cultural sensitivity, demonstrate flexibility, and have a clear passion for serving the underserved.

**HEAL Initiative**
The HEAL Initiative aims to train and support health providers to thrive in hard places by fostering a community of front line health professionals dedicated to serving the underserved. HEAL is an immersive two-year fellowship dedicated to health equity and catalyzing life experience serving the underserved.
The Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility is centrally located on the Navajo Reservation and has been an Indian Health Service Site since 1966. The facility serves as a healthcare hub for the region, serving roughly 37,000 active patients, some who travel 100 miles round trip to the clinic.

**SINCE 2016**

**HISTORY OF HEAL**

- 16 rotating fellows total
- FM, Psychiatry, Ob/Gyn, General Surgery, Anesthesia, Med-Peds
- 11 site fellows total

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.ihs.gov/navajo/healthcarefacilities/chinle/