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Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) Members

RE: Volunteer Opportunity to join the Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) Medical Team – Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Whistler, BC, Canada

There is an exciting opportunity available, and given the skill and expertise within the TAC membership we wanted to distribute this to all TAC members for consideration. Currently we are recruiting medical personnel to join the VANOC Volunteer team and work within the Emergency Medical Unit at Whistler during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

The Whistler Health Care Centre currently has no surgical capacity and therefore the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has mandated the provision of surgical capacity in Whistler in the event of an emergency endangering life, limb or organ of an Olympic Family member or to provide surge capacity in the event of mass casualty incident, or if Whistler is cut off from Lower Mainland hospitals by land and air and normal rapid transport is not possible.

VANOC through one of its commercial sponsors has acquired an Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) – two large semi-trailers that convert into a field hospital equipped with an Operating Room, 4 Critical Care Beds, and 6 beds for resuscitation and holding.

The EMU will be co-located and integrated within the Polyclinic in Athlete's Village in Whistler, which is located at Function Junction, approximately 5 km from Whistler town centre. This unit will function, as required, as an advanced resuscitation area for seriously ill or injured patients being received by the Polyclinic. The EMU will have access to CT, MRI and Ultrasound capabilities.

We are recruiting medical personnel from across Canada for the following specialties: Emergency Physicians, General/Trauma Surgeons, Orthopedic Trauma Surgeons, Trauma Anesthesiologists, Emergency Nurses, Operating Rooms Nurses, and Critical Care/Recovery Nurses. Please refer to the attachment which outlines the specific qualifications within discipline.

Tentative schedules have been developed in order to staff the EMU prior to, during and after the Games. The following dates and teams have been created:

Team 1 January 31, 2010 – February 13, 2010
Team 2 February 11, 2010 – February 22, 2010
Team 3 February 20, 2010 - March 1, 2010
Team 4 March 6, 2010 – March 15, 2010
Team 5 March 13, 2010 – March 24, 2010

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There will be a total of 16 EMU members per Team, as follows:

2 Trauma Anesthesiologists
2 General Trauma Surgeons
2 Orthopedic Trauma Surgeons
2 Emergency Nurses
4 Operating Room Nurses
4 Critical Care/Recovery Nurses
1 Respiratory Therapist/Anesthesia Assistant

There is a Medical Director and an Operations Director for the EMU. In addition to this there will also be a Biomedical Engineer who will be covering both the Polyclinic and the EMU. There will also be a Facility/Maintenance member of the EMU team.

A series of educational sessions will be planned which may include:

- Web based modules in advance
- A three day on site orientation session in the fall in Vancouver, to include security clearance through VANOC, and Volunteer orientation session and uniform distribution.
- Just-in-time simulation and education planned for day prior to team arrival in Whistler

If you are interested in being a part of the EMU team, the first step is to apply through VANOC's volunteer website. <https://volunteer2010.vancouver2010.com/ESIREG//NewFormRequest.do?language=0> OR www.vancouver2010.com.

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The deadline for applications to VANOC is July 27th, 2009.

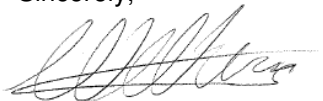
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Thank you for considering this unique volunteer opportunity and being a part of the health care team during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,



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CC: Mr Rob Stewart, Manager Medical Operations, Ms Catherine Polonia, Coordinator Medical Services Volunteers, Dr Ross Brown, Medical Director EMU, Ms Leanne Appleton, Operations Director EMU