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Dear Doctor, You have no doubt heard of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Perhaps you have even thought or dreamt of joining at some point in your career?

In the past 50 years, MSF has become a major player in the world of medical humanitarianism. When people think of MSF, many images and questions come to mind. Is it for me? Can I leave on short missions while continuing to practice in Quebec? Should I go once I have retired? After my residency? What is security like on the ground?

In the next few minutes, we will attempt to provide some answers, because every dream starts with a few good questions.

To begin, we invite you to read Amélie's enlightening account of her experiences in the field as an anesthesiologist: https://www.msf-azg.be/en/a-return-to-the-essentials-of-my-profession?_ga=2.49712035.442496660.1547827644-327509888.1547827644

Canadians working for MSF:

This year, around 350 Canadians will go abroad to join a global team made up of 3,500 international professionals and some 45,000 MSF employees working on the ground in more than 70 countries, making us the largest private, medical humanitarian organizations in the world.

Why choose MSF?

What you should know:

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was created in 1971 by a group of doctors and journalists who laid the foundation for the organization: medical care first, and then bearing witness. These two founding objectives guide our actions to alleviate suffering, save lives, speak out against injustices and inform the public.

Our actions have earned us awards such as the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1999, and more recently, the Governor General Meritorious Service Cross Award for the leading role we played in response to the Ebola crisis.

MSF is well positioned compared to other NGOs, as over 95% of our revenues come from private donations, giving us the freedom to act based on the greatest health needs during humanitarian crises. Working for MSF means working for an organization that promotes the principles of humanity, independence, neutrality and impartiality of medical actions.

MSF, an innovative organization with the highest of standards

MSF Canada supports humanitarian and medical activities throughout the world by providing essential funding, skilled staff, quality advocacy, and specialized programs, such as **Telemedicine** (in partnership with the CUSM), through which Canadian specialists support MSF practitioners on the ground—yet another way for you to get involved while staying in the county. Video:

<https://youtu.be/2R8VWae35m0>



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Logistics:

A full team of professionals are here to support you in your deployment.

Logistics involves purchasing medical and non-medical supplies, conditioning, storage, and shipping supplies, medicine, inflatable hospitals, vehicles and emergency kits to the front lines of humanitarian interventions.

On the ground, logisticians become jacks-of-all-trades. They hire and supervise local staff charged with a number of important duties, such as managing health care facilities and water supply, vehicle fleets, telecommunications and IT. They also help create security rules and manage transportation.

Watch this video to see the whole team and the structure in action working to send out medical supplies and equipment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dr2m2FCTBec>

Safety:

MSF has over 40 years of experience in various humanitarian contexts. There is always inherent risk in working with MSF, depending on the country and situation. Safety is of central importance to our operations, and we protect it by assessing situations and taking concrete measures based on the context of each project. While it is impossible to guarantee safety or completely eliminate risk, we do take measures to reduce vulnerability to the risks that MSF staff and patients face. International workers willingly choose to work abroad with MSF, and it is the organization's responsibility to provide them with the information needed to make an informed decision.



Let's talk about you now

Our needs in anesthesiology:

Our international medical programs are constantly changing and, just like in Canada, we have rapidly growing needs and opportunities in anesthesiology. We are not necessarily looking for candidates who are ready to get invested full time – you can meet these challenges with annual mandates lasting 6 to 8 weeks (not necessarily each year).

Of course, going on mission is not right for everyone. Passion aside, our staff also needs to have the time, as well as the following skills and background:

- Certification as an anesthesiology specialist, and a complete, up-to-date license
- Experience in providing anesthesia to pediatric, obstetric and trauma patients
- Desire to share knowledge, skills and experiences with colleagues
- Willingness to follow MSF's anesthesiology protocols
- Experience in team management, training and supervision
- Minimum commitment of 6 to 8 weeks for the first mission
- Ability to work independently, with material and resources that are sometimes limited
- Commitment to the values expressed in MSF's charter
- Willingness to work in unstable countries where the needs are the greatest
- Travel experience and a draw to discovering different cultures abroad
- Proficiency in French and in English



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Duties while on mission in the field:

- Prepare and carry out anesthetics, coordinate operating room staff and prepare anesthesiology equipment
- Manage patient pre- and post-operative follow-ups
- Participate in data collection, analysis and communication
- Provide ongoing training to the medical team and share your expert knowledge as appropriate at the team level
- Be a member of a team of international medical experts and be part of an international medical elite team

Your contribution to the success of our humanitarian medical projects is crucial. We need you if:

- You have just finished your residency, you have been working for a while or are at the end of your career with more availability and a passion for contributing your skills to an MSF mission
- You are a woman or a man looking for a new personal and professional challenge, and you still have a dream to contribute to the success of a medical humanitarian mission.

Informations complémentaires :

For more information on our surgical activities, visit our dedicated page (from MSF France), where you'll find lots of information and videos:

<https://www.msf.fr/eclairages/la-chirurgie-en-situation-humanitaire>

How to apply

To sign up, see our Canadian page

<https://www.medecinssansfrontieres.ca/job-profile/anesth%C3%A9siste>

Or simply contact our recruitment team directly by phone :

Francis Pineault and Marc Beudet at (514) 845-5621, or Maher Najari at 416- 964- 0619 ext. 3484

Or via email :

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We will try to answer your questions or put you in contact with one of our colleagues who has been on mission before. We also have a long list on file of our surgical protocols.



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*Note that MSF pays a salary and a per diem to workers once they are on the ground. We also pay mission-related costs such as required flights, training and vaccinations.



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A closer look at our principles:

Independence from any political, economic or religious power

- Compared to many NGOs, MSF is fortunate to be able to rely on many private donations: 95% of our revenues come from private donations. This enables MSF to remain independent of government funding and therefore evaluate medical needs with full independence. It is MSF who decides where it works, not any government donor agency, which often have geopolitical interests.

Neutrality: MSF does not take sides in a conflict

- Why neutrality? The code of ethics of the medical profession: there are medical needs on both sides. That is the best way to preserve a secure environment for field teams. If we stayed on one side, we would be perceived as partial actors.

Impartiality: MSF acts based solely on medical needs (regardless of religion, ethnic background or political affiliation)

- We prioritize giving assistance to people in a situation of imminent danger. The geopolitical agendas or preferences of donor agencies carry no weight in this choice.

Appendices:

Did you know:

- 96% of donations received by MSF Canada are directly redistributed on the ground, making us one of the top 10 NGOs in terms of financial efficiency.
- We have more than 460 missions in more than 70 countries.
- In 2017 alone, MSF conducted more than 10.6 million external consultations, hospitalized more than 750,000 people and carried out more than 110,000 major surgical interventions.

We are in great need of your services to continue our operations.