We are seeking compassionate physicians who would be willing to take patients who are refugees and newcomers identifying as sexual and/or gender minorities. For people who have been persecuted due to their identity, finding welcoming medical care is an essential part of feeling safe and settled.

Capital Rainbow Refuge (CRR) is a non-profit organization founded in 2010, operating with charitable capacity, who would like to refer clients. We can assign volunteers or staff to ensure clients attend the first meeting, if needed, possibly organize interpretation, and teach about making appointments.

Additionally, the Trans Health Clinic at Centretown Community Health Centre is willing to offer learning opportunities for physicians, nurses and any staff interacting with the public who are interested in developing their knowledge base on transition-related care. These may vary from hormone starts, maintenance, surgical assessments, to inclusive language and spaces. For any presentations or in-clinic shadowing requests, please contact Holly, Trans Health Program Lead at hbrown@centretownchc.org. A Transgender category is also available on e-consult to help support providers.

CRR also has runs sexual heath workshops to build awareness on STIs and wellness, in partnership with MAX Ottawa and ACO. If physicians wish, you can refer clients. Please contact Anmar, CRR’s staff navigator: navigation@capitalrainbow.ca