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## Position Announcement: Trauma Psychologist in Behavioral Medicine

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### About Cooper Hospital

Cooper University Health Care (CUHC) is an academic medical center anchored in Camden, NJ and serving all of South Jersey. At the heart of the medical center, and just across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, is Cooper University Hospital (CUH), South Jersey's only level one trauma center and 635-bed public hospital. In addition, CUHC operates over 100 ambulatory clinics, the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, 3 urgent care centers, and is affiliated with the Cooper Medical School at Rowan University. In total, Cooper's 7,000 providers, 600 physicians, 300 APP's, 325 Physicians in residency and fellowship and our staff care for nearly 2 million patients each year, many of whom live in disadvantaged areas in Camden.

The Trauma Center at Cooper University Hospital was established in 1982 and is one of only three New Jersey State-Designated Level I Trauma Centers verified by the American College of Surgeons, the highest national recognition possible. Cooper serves as the regional Trauma Center for southern New Jersey including Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Ocean and Salem counties and acts as a resource for the Level II Trauma Centers in our region. A Level I Trauma Center cares for severely injured patients involved in motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial accidents and acts of violence. Specially trained physicians and surgeons focus on the care of the trauma patient. On average, Cooper admits nearly 3,500 trauma patients each year, making it the busiest center in New Jersey. Within Cooper Hospital there are multiple trauma units including: Trauma Admitting, the Trauma Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Trauma Step-Down Unit and the Trauma patient floor.

For additional information:

<https://www.cooperhealth.org/services/level-1-trauma-center>

<https://www.cooperhealth.org/services/behavioral-medicine>

<https://www.cooperhealth.edu/allied-health/behavioral-medicine>

### Position Description

The Psychologist chosen for this position will provide psychological consultation and psychotherapeutic intervention for patients and families within the Division of Trauma Surgery. The primary focus will be on assessment of trauma symptoms for our patients. The successful candidate will create a program to assess patients and provide evidence-based brief interventions (CBT, ACT and mindfulness-skills) with patients and family members who present with a variety of psychological symptoms following traumatic events. The psychologist will Work in collaboration with, and provide consultation to, a multidisciplinary team of medical specialists, surgeons, nurses,

and other providers. Time will be dedicated to participating in daily operations of the trauma department. This will involve collaboratively working to maximize disposition efficiency for patients with psychological diagnosis. The candidate will help to ensure intradepartmental mental health care is practiced in accordance with best medical practice for psychiatric challenges. The chosen candidate will be asked to design and pilot research protocols and programs in order to contribute to the trauma psychology services literature. This position will also involve collaboration with the Psychiatry CL service and Social Work (Transitional Navigators) teams to ensure patient needs are met. The trauma psychologist will ensure mental health procedures meet JCAHO/CMS credentialing requirements and best care practices are followed, which includes providing any needed ongoing education and training for emergency department personnel.

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Develops meaningful and effective relationships with leadership and frontline physicians, APP's, RN's, residents and students. Engages in regular direct communication with all staff, patients and their families
- Provides patient risk assessment and recommendations for the Trauma team
- Provide consultation as well as liaison services throughout the Trauma floors.
- Program development to capture psychological assessment or trauma patients and plan for OP follow-up and referrals if necessary.
- Identifies gaps in psychological programming and recommend and implement solutions.
- Serves as a liaison across the Trauma floors. Develops and maintains referral relationships, working with TN team to coordinate with community-based behavioral health providers to assist in timely psychological and psychiatric support for patients needing referrals.
- Provides consultative support to caregivers seeking referral to appropriate behavioral health providers, including education about most efficient and effective use of behavioral health resources.
- Develops original presentations and trainings for Trauma team as needed to cover areas such as stress management, self-care and provider wellness
- Participate in weekly didactics and group supervision with Behavioral Medicine team
- Participate in on-going Behavioral Medicine and/or Trauma research; initiation of new projects, work toward procurement of internal and external grant-funding; participation in professional presentation at national conferences; work toward publication of Behavioral Medicine and Trauma research.
- Represent Cooper locally, regionally, and nationally at conferences-presenting emergency. Work collaboratively with other institutions to share best practices and program strategies. Oversee data collection and maintain database. Submit publications to peer reviewed journals in collaboration with the Division of Behavioral Medicine
- Provide secondary supervision for Behavioral Medicine externs, interns and Post-Doctoral Fellows as applicable.
- Ensure completion of requirements and initiate process and maintain title for Assistant Professor at Cooper Medical School at Rowan University

**Education, Experience, and Other Qualities:**

- Psy.D./Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology; Specialization in Health and/or Neuropsychology favored
- Must be licensed in New Jersey (license eligible will be considered)
- Experience working in an acute hospital setting
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and exercise sound clinical judgment
- Ability to work in cooperation with multidisciplinary medical team
- Strong organizational and management skills

*Interested candidates may forward a cover letter and current CV to [fizur-philip@cooperhealth.edu](mailto:fizur-philip@cooperhealth.edu)*