

I have enjoyed working at DDS because the cases are intriguing and enhance my fund of knowledge. There is always something new and unique in the caseload to keep your interest in medicine alive.

Serving the population of claimants, who frequently are underrepresented with significant health disparity, has been rewarding.

Remote work has been organized and a great positive opportunity.

NCDDS Medical Consultant

Here are a few reasons why I like working as a MC at DDS.

Working at DDS :

- 1) Takes the stress out of practicing medicine. - It's a great way to stay current on patient management and learn new updates across a multitude of specialties, without the pressure and time constraints encountered in clinical practice. Stress is also eliminated by the fact that your 'mental' day actually ends (once you log off, you can mentally log off until the next day).
- 2) Encourages team work. You will collaborate with other MCs, PCs, and all DEs. Can be great opportunity to teach/share your fund of knowledge. And, it's pleasant working with folks who are dedicated to helping our fellow North Carolinians in need.
- 3) LOVE the flexibility with telework. Hoping this becomes permanent feature of the job. Really helps with life/work balance.

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I like working at DDS because it allows me to meet my work and family obligations in a less stressful manner than it would be if I was in active practice while still using my knowledge of medicine to make a difference in the lives of the citizens of North Carolina . I work with a variety of people all with this same goal, we share our knowledge, and learn from each other. (#DDSBetterTogether)

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Working at the NCDDS resolves some of the pressures of an office practice such as changing requirements from insurers and managing personnel changes.

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Working at DDS is incredibly intellectually stimulating. At first glance, being a medical consultant with DDS would seem to be a

dull job like chart review. That couldn't be further from the actuality of working with DDS.

The path to becoming a doctor in practice is a series of narrowing of the ability to explore a wide variety of subjects. Despite one's natural curiosity (probably what got you into medicine), by the time you are in practice, you really only have time to keep up with advances in your specialty. At DDS I read cases which represent real people, usually in real need. These cases are as varied as one can imagine. In medical school, you learn about strange and rare illnesses. In practice, one might see an unusual illness once or twice a year at best. Working at DDS, not a week goes by without encountering a condition which I had not heard of since medical school.

There is also an abundance of opportunities to teach analysts who look to the MC for guidance with difficult issues. If teaching isn't your thing, it's not a problem. Teaching analysts isn't meant to be burdensome, it is usually just spending a bit of time explaining an issue one on one.

There are many people working at DDS, yet I have never been made to feel as if I am just one cog in the wheel. I look forward to coming to work every day as I may encounter something I've never heard of before, all the while knowing that I am an integral part of helping people when they need it most.

NCDDS Medical Consultant

I choose to work at the NCDDS because it feels great to be a public servant psychologist, working on behalf of the citizens of NC. I have had the opportunity to learn about different mental disorders and different populations that I likely would never have encountered during an entire career in most clinical practice settings. For example, I did not have specific clinical training or experience with adolescents and children when I came to NCDDS. Here, I have had the opportunity to consult with colleagues who have subject matter expertise in these and many other aspects of psychology that I do not. In turn, I have been able to share my knowledge and experience in geropsychology with others in the Agency. Now, I feel very comfortable reviewing cases for child and adolescent claimants and my overall knowledge base in my chosen field has been greatly expanded.

NCDDS Psychological Consultant

I choose to work at the NCDDS because the case reviews are interesting, my schedule is flexible, and the staff is delightful to work with. It is easy to create a stable and comfortable work environment and routine, while also being challenged with questions and providing consultation.

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NCDDS Psychological Consultant

I choose to work at DDS because unlike most mental health practices, I never take work home, I never work after hours, and I am never on call. At DDS, I feel valued and respected by my coworkers whose collaboration is essential. The work itself is stimulating and rewarding, and it serves a valuable purpose to the community. At DDS, I am allowed the flexibility to work at my own pace and to write case analyses that reflect my clinical training and professional experience. I feel I have found the ideal job that allows flexibility, freedom of expression, collaboration, and a sense of pride and purpose. I recommend it to all psychologists who value these attributes.

NCDDS Psychological Consultant
