
PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT TASKFORCE OF SARNIA LAMBTON

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A Note from the Recruiter

Cindy Scholten, Physician Recruiter Co ordinator

Welcoming our newest physicians

The Physician Recruitment office has been a busy one and we've been working harder than ever for the residents of Sarnia Lambton.

In 2009 we recruited 5 physicians. By the summer of 2010 we have signed on another physician from the US and we have two more in the works for this year.

This month's newsletter will introduce you to those physicians and list where they are practicing.

This summer the board has decided to make some strategic decisions by keeping the focus of our efforts on finding physician candidates across the border and by attending recruitment fairs that are smaller and more specifically related to Family Medicine Residents and Family physicians who are geographically closer to home.

As the shortage of Family Physicians worsens in North America, we continue to communicate with Physician Recruiters across Canada and the United States to keep abreast of the issues communities and doctors are facing. This knowledge will give us the competitive edge and keep Sarnia Lambton on the radar for Physicians seeking relocation.

We have had tremendous community support from local Chamber members when touring potential recruits in the area. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has ever participated or answered my call for help for one of those tours. Physician recruitment is a community effort. We can't do it alone! For more updates please look at our website :

www.doctors4sarnialambton.com

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A Message from Board Chair

Ron Prior, Board Chairman

As the number of our recruited physicians rise, our financial support has taken a hit once again. With the loss of funding from the Ontario Government, the funds we receive from the community are all we have. According to the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care we are still underserved for 18 Family Physicians. With the average age of our physicians at 58, the task doesn't get any easier.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank those Municipalities who have financially supported our efforts and who continue to do so year after year. We would also appreciate any funding available privately or from Corporate donors to assist in our recruitment efforts. Sponsorship packages are available.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and welcome any comments you may have.

Ron Prior

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100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarship \$14,000 Awarded to 2010 applicants

In December 2005, the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce announced that it was introducing a Scholarship to be called, the *100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarship*.

This is the fifth year of the awards and the Chamber and its partners the Sarnia Community Foundation, and the Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia Lambton are pleased that we have had such qualified candidates apply.

2010 level three award recipient of \$5,000.00 each are:

Dr. Angela Logan.

Ms. Logan is a 26 year long Petrolia resident. She has just completed her first year of residency in family medicine in BC following her medicine degree from Queen's University in Kingston. Her undergraduate degree is from McMaster University, Hamilton. Ms. Logan has been a life-long resident of Petrolia. While studying out of town at university, Ms. Logan writes that her heart has never left the Sarnia-Lambton area. She completed an elective in Petrolia at CEE site, Bluewater Health last summer. Ms. Logan was a level one and level two award recipient in 2008 and 2009.

Dr. Frank Spano.

Mr. Spano has also completed his first year of family medicine residency at UWO following his medicine degree also from the University of Western Ontario. His undergraduate degree was also from UWO, London. Mr. Spano has lived and participated in Sarnia activities his whole life. His father has been a family physician in our community for many years. He completed family practice electives in the Sarnia area. Mr. Spano was also a level one and two award recipient.

2010 level one award recipients of \$2,000:

Ms. Mackenzie J. Klages

Ms. Klages is entering her fourth and final year of medicine in fall 2010 at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Her undergraduate degree was also from the University of Western Ontario.

She was a resident of Sarnia for her school life and has family residing in Sarnia. Ms. Klages states that she believes following a career in family medicine will permit her the opportunity to work with many population groups and several levels of health and disorders. She has enjoyed her family medicine rotations very much.

Ms. Katelyn D. Hoenselaar

Ms. Hoenselaar is entering her 3rd and final year of medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton this fall. Ms. Hoenselaar is from Eastern Ontario and completed her undergraduate degree from the University of Western Ontario in London. One of the reasons that Katie would chose family medicine as a career is it offers her the best opportunity to build long-term relationships with her patients. She has completed electives in family medicine and enjoys these very much.



Above is Dr. Logan, below is Ms. Klages; with Debra Taylor, Bill Hazlitt & Ron Prior



**INTRODUCING SARNIA
LAMBTON'S NEWEST
PHYSICIANS (09-10)**

DR. JOHN O'MAHONY
WILL BE PRACTICING AT 481
LONDON RD. AT THE LONDON RD.
DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC & MEDICAL
CENTRE IN THE FALL OF 2010

DR. SAMANTHA SOEDER
WILL BE PRACTICING AT THE
RAPIDS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM ON
1150 PONTIAC DRIVE IN EARLY
2011

DR. VID SINGH
LOCATED AT THE BAYSHORE
PHYSICIANS GROUP DOWNTOWN
SARNIA. CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
PATIENTS
519 336 6661

DR. BILL VORNBERGER
PRACTICING A 481 LONDON RD. AT
THE LONDON RD. DIAGNOSTIC
CLINIC & MEDICAL CENTRE.

DR. JASON HALL
PRACTICING WITH DR. BILLY
O'MAHONY AT 348 LYNDON ST.
CORUNNA ON 519 862 1471

DR. SHVETA SURYAVANSHI
PRACTICING AT 568 N. CHRISTINA
ST. UPPER LEVEL SUITE A
519 336 1800

DR. IGOR NEDIC
PRACTICING AT 704 MARA ST,
POINT EDWARD, DMI
CURRENTLY ACCEPTING PATIENTS
519 344 8283



**Sarnia Lambton welcomes
our newest physicians!**

The Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia Lambton would like to thank Dr. William O'Mahony for accepting Dr. Jason Hall into his practice and working closely with our efforts to make it a smooth transition. We wish you both success with your new partnership.

Bringing a new physician into a community can be a scary transition not only for that physician and his or her family, but also for a community. We are all very fortunate to have these new doctors caring for us. The Physician Recruitment office has received many positive comments from grateful citizens regarding the care and attention they have received from these physicians and we are happy to hear it!

We encourage you to continue to share these comments with us or directly with your physician!



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