
PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT TASKFORCE OF SARNIA LAMBTON

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A Note from the Recruiter

By Cindy Scholten, Physician Recruiter Co ordinator

A successful year planned for 2009

Spring has sprung, and with it comes growth and opportunity. The Physician Recruitment Taskforce is also growing its prospects by leaps and bounds. We currently have two Family Physicians applying through the new Pathways to Registration who are looking forward to setting up practice in Sarnia Lambton. Furthermore, we have a total of 6 Family Physicians looking to sign on with the Taskforce this year alone!

According to the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, our community remains underserved by 23 Family Physicians. With that in mind, over 30,000 Sarnia Lambton residents are still without a Family Physician. But I have good news for the unattached patients. We currently have 7 Family Physicians in accepting patients. For a detailed list of these Physicians, please go to our website at www.doctors4sarnialambton.com and click on the Physicians Accepting Patients tab.

We have been working hard to provide up-to-date Physician information for the residents of Sarnia Lambton and you will learn much of this information through reading the newsletter. This month's newsletter has everyone in mind- newly recruited Physicians, Medical Students, Family Medicine Residents and Sarnia Lambton Residents. Please feel free to contact me any time with comments or questions regarding Physician Recruitment for Sarnia Lambton.

Cindy Scholten

Hello from the Board Chair

By Ron Prior, Taskforce Board Chairperson

May I wish you, your staff and your families a very happy Easter. It is with great pleasure that I accepted the role of Chairperson for the Taskforce in November 2008. Our board consists of 15 individuals, made up of interested members of the community, hospital representatives, Physicians and more. Looking into the future success of the Taskforce, we have developed a strategic plan, which will make our Committee more effective for the future. Together with our full time Recruiter, we plan to have a very successful year, with a number of Physicians from the United States and Canadian Medical graduates indicating their desire to set up practice in Sarnia, St. Clair Township and Lambton Counties. However, our success in the Recruitment and Retention of Family Physicians would not be possible if were not for the continued support of you, our core funders. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank those who have contributed to the Taskforce and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Ron Prior

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Important Website Updates You Need to Know

Firstly, thank you Kevin Thorne and Beth Ray of Basement 143 web design who do such a great job on our website!

Our website contains a wealth of information such as community information, medical opportunities and resources, Physicians Accepting Patients, Recruitment News and more.

Our newest tab is “Physicians Accepting Patients”. We have come to realise that not only is our community underserved, but also that our residents are having a difficult time finding doctors. We have now made it much easier for unattached patients and new Sarnia Lambton residents to find doctors, by listing all Physicians accepting patients with their addresses and phone numbers on our website.

How to Find A Doctor in Sarnia Lambton

If you are one of the unattached patients, simply click on our website and look up Physicians Accepting Patients. There are also many other Taskforce Supporters who have included our link on their website such as:

- City of Sarnia
- Lambton Health Unit
- Live in Lambton.ca
- Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership
- Patricia Davidson Local MP

A very special thank you to the sites listed above for their continued support and for linking our Physicians Accepting Patients List to their site!

The Importance of Primary Care

Your health is your responsibility!

Don't wait for an illness to send you looking for a Primary Care Physician. You should find one now to develop some rapport with him or her before getting sick! Seeing the same patients and their families for much of their lives allow Primary Care Physicians to be

familiar with the physical, psychological and lifestyle factors important to their health.

4 Reasons you should have a Primary Care Physician:

1. Preventative Care

Family Physicians provide recommendations that help protect your health. They get to know you, your history and your family history. They can identify and treat many minor problems before they become major ones.

2. Continuity of Care

Having a competent Primary Care Physician provides a continuity of care of a lifetime.

3. Central Point of Contact

A Primary Care Physician coordinates information between healthcare providers. When patients have questions, or receive conflicting reports, they can call their Physician. The Physicians can make sure that nothing is left out.

4. A Key Resource

A Primary Care Physician should be the first person that you contact when you have a question or problem. He or she can provide answers or can recommend a specialist to meet your needs. Your doctor can also help you find other resources, leaving you with fewer trips to the Emergency Department.

Walk in Clinics in Sarnia

London Road Diagnostic Clinic

481 London Rd., Sarnia ON, N7T 4X3

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 6pm-9pm, Sat-Sun 10am-2pm

Bayshore Physicians Group

150 N. Christina St., Sarnia ON N7T 7W5

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm, Sat 9am-1pm

FAMILY PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES IN SARNIA LAMBTON

The following is a list of available practice opportunities for Family Physicians looking to set up practice in Sarnia Lambton. Sarnia Lambton is an Underserved area.

BAYSHORE PHYSICIANS GROUP- 1 POSITION

Located at Bayside Centre Mall downtown, this is an office plus full time position. Fee-For-Service Model. FHO model is available.

ASSOCIATE - 1 POSITION

Located in the DMI Professional building at 705 Mara St., Point Edward Village, this is a full time position. Fee-For-Service Model. FHG

SOLO- 3+ POSITIONS

In the fall of 2009, 3 new offices will be built at the London Rd. Diagnostic Clinic located at 481 London Rd. in close proximity to the hospital. This building consists of Family Physicians only- complete with a clinic in the lower level and a pharmacy on the main level. Fee-For-Service or FHO model.

FAMILY PHYSICIANS NEEDED FOR THE PETROLIA AREA

To inquire about any of the above positions, or to book a complimentary site visit, please email Physician Recruiter Cindy Scholten at:

Info@doctors4sarnialambton.com or call:

519-383-7265

SPECIALISTS NEEDED:

Hospitalist Emergency Medicine Physician
Neurology Internist with Cardiology Interest
Internist with Rheumatology Interest

Inquiries please contact Alison Mahon-Director of Medical Affairs, Bluewater Health, by calling:

519 464-440 ext. 5422 or email:

amahon@bluewaterhealth.ca

Medical Student Scholarship

The deadline has come and gone for the 100th Anniversary Legacy Scholarship Award through the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce. Applications will be reviewed shortly. The goal of this scholarship is to provide medical students interested in practicing Family Medicine financial help to ease some of their burden.

If you are interested in applying and are either in your 3rd or 4th year of medical school or are currently in your 1st year of Family Medicine you may apply for the 2010 awards. For more information email

info@doctors4sarnialambton.com

Attention American Physicians: Canadian Registration Just Got Easier!

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario have reduced barriers to registration by creating 4 new Pathways to Registration for American Physicians who are certified by the US Medical Licensing Examination. Eligible candidates now have a route to independent practice certificate of registration subject to an initial one-year period of practice under supervision (or a mentor) and successful completion of an assessment after the first year of practice. See more at www.cpso.on.ca or email info@doctors4sarnialambton.com

Upcoming Recruitment Dates

CASPR Conference (Canadian Associate of Staff Physician Recruiters) April 13th – April 16th 2009.

Career MD Detroit Recruitment Fair -July 2009.

PAIRO Recruitment Tour (Professional Association of Interns & Residents of Ontario)- September 2009.

A family doctor for every family,

Wouldn't it be nice?
