



MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, March 17, 2014

**Niagara Health System announces
Dr. Peter Kagoma as Vice President Academic**

Niagara Health System is pleased to announce Dr. Peter Kagoma is joining the organization as Vice President Academic, a new position offered in partnership with McMaster University. In this role, Dr. Kagoma will act as Niagara Health System's liaison with the Niagara Regional Campus of the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine at McMaster University, and will have a key role in advancing our academic objectives in education and research.

Dr. Kagoma is an accomplished hematologist by trade, and as part of the Oncology department at the NHS, he will enhance and participate in the non-malignant hematology and thromboembolism care of patients in the Niagara region. Previous to joining NHS, Dr. Kagoma held various leadership roles in Brantford, most recently acting as the McMaster Mac-CARE Regional Director of the Grand Erie Six Nations Clinical Education Campus — Brantford Centre since 2007 and the Physician Lead, Information and Communication Technology Strategy & Adoption at Brant Community Healthcare System since 2012. He has also been Director of Medical Education at Brant Community Healthcare System since 2010, and has a long history of successful collaboration and leadership with and within McMaster University. Dr. Kagoma is also the Uganda Program lead for the St. Joseph's Health System International Outreach Program, which since 1990 has trained over 100 medical trainees from Uganda in partnership with McMaster. In addition to his medical credentials and education from Cornell, City University New York, and McMaster, Dr. Kagoma is also completing an MBA this year.

Dr. Kevin Smith, NHS CEO, notes: "Dr. Kagoma has a reputation for being a driven leader and a champion of academics, both within hospitals and in reaching out to the community. As Niagara strives to strengthen its linkages with McMaster and draw on research and evidence as a driver of quality, the VP Academic role is an important one. We are very excited to have someone of Dr. Kagoma's stature and capability join our team."

Dr. Karl Stobbe, Regional Assistant Dean, Niagara Campus, Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine at McMaster University states: "Dr. Kagoma is an accomplished academic and community leader, accomplished in creating an academic environment in a community hospital. He is well known at McMaster, and I know he is bringing a special perspective and ability to Niagara. We are very excited to have him join our team. There is no doubt he will strengthen the medical school here in Niagara."

Dr. Kagoma notes: "I am excited to join the NHS in my new role of Vice President for Academic Affairs. I am confident that together with senior leadership in the NHS and the Regional Assistant Dean of the Niagara Regional Campus of the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, we will design a program of academic and learning excellence for the NHS. My dream is for the NHS to build a truly world-class education system that would serve all our stakeholders."

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The VP Academic role is a part-time role, paid for by McMaster University. Dr. Kagoma will report to Interim President Ms. Angela Zangari, and liaise with Dr. Karl Stobbe at McMaster. Dr. Kagoma begins working for NHS today, Monday March 17, 2014. You may reach Dr. Kagoma by email at peter.kagoma@niagarahealth.on.ca

Dr. Kagoma will enjoy administrative support by way of Ms. Avia Whitehorne:
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