



MEDIA RELEASE:

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Niagara Health System celebrates recent physician recruitment on Doctors' Day

Niagara Health System is joining in the celebration of Doctors' Day on May 1, saluting the physicians across Niagara who work tirelessly for patients and families. NHS is also celebrating the success of recent recruitment initiatives, bringing much-needed physician specialists to the region to join the organization's medical staff. A total of 22 recruitments and leadership appointments have taken place this year.

In 2011, the provincial government designated May 1 as Doctors' Day – an official day of appreciation and acknowledgement for our province's medical professionals. May 1 was chosen to honour the birthday of Dr. Emily Stowe, Canada's first female physician and a lifelong supporter of women's rights. "Doctors' Day provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness about the contributions made by talented men and women within the region," explains Dr. Satish Chawla, President of the Niagara Health System Medical Staff Association.

"We really are very proud of all the physician colleagues on our many teams," says NHS President Dr. Suzanne Johnston. "We are also thrilled that NHS has become such a competitive employer when it comes to recruitment. Physicians from across the province recognize that it is an exciting time to be a member of the Niagara Health System as we begin to embark on a rejuvenated vision of healthcare including the new St. Catharines hospital and a new South hospital in the works, as well as innovative work by all our teams."

Niagara Health System's recent physician recruitments include:

- Dr. Karim Ali
- Dr. Salim Ahmed
- Dr. Pushpa Alexander
- Dr. Jen Tsang
- Dr. Dayna Al-Baldawi
- Dr. Emily Pranger
- Dr. Andrea Delrue
- Dr. Marilou Ching
- Dr. Alla Raizman
- Dr. Rocio Monroy
- Dr. Maureen Cameron
- Dr. Brandon Wickens
- Dr. Craig Durant
- Dr. Andy Rust
- Dr. Lisa Gabrielli
- Dr. Matthew Gunton
- Dr. Davar Nikneshan
- Dr. Manal El-Sayed
- Dr. Lorraine Jensen
- Dr. Jascinth James
- Dr. Ali Mohajerani
- Dr. Mike Christian

"The retention and recruitment of physicians is of high priority in order to continue delivering quality patient centered care to the community," says Dr. Tom Stewart, NHS Chief of Staff & Executive Vice President Medical. "It is hard to imagine a more attractive community than Niagara to raise a family. One can choose virtually any type of housing, costs are reasonable and Niagara offers high quality of education, while being centrally located. Our recruitment goals

present both an opportunity and a challenge to the NHS and our community to find the best possible candidates to fill these positions in the organization.”

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Dr. Karim Ali, Emerging Infectious Disease Preparedness & Response Lead.

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Ziauddin Medical University, Karachi, Pakistan)

Post Graduate Training in Internal Medicine (Hennepin County Medical Centre, Minnesota)

Fellowship in Infectious Disease (Creighton University, Nebraska)



Dr. Pushpa Alexander, Pathologist.

Doctor of Medicine (Kerala University, India)

Residency and General Pathology Fellowship (Dalhousie University, Halifax)



Dr. Jen Tsang, Research Lead.

Doctor of Medicine (University of Ottawa)

Internal Medicine Residency and Critical Care Fellowship (University of Toronto, Toronto)

PhD degree in Molecular Biology and Clinician Investigator Fellowship program (University of Toronto, Toronto)



Dr. Emily Pranger, Hospitalist.

Doctor of Medicine (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Rural Family Medicine Program (McMaster University, Hamilton)



Dr. Andrea Delrue, General Internal Medicine Division Lead, Internal Medicine Postgraduate RC Specialty Development Coordinator and Medical Clinical Teaching Unit (CTU) Lead.

Doctor of Medicine and Post Graduate education in Internal Medicine (University of Toronto, Toronto)



Dr. Marilou Ching, Neurologist.

Doctor of Medicine (Far Eastern University, Philippines)

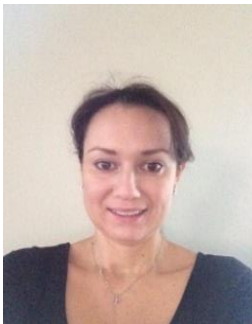
Fellowship in Vascular Neurology (Cleveland Clinic, Ohio)



Dr. Alla Raizman, Hospitalist.

Doctor of Medicine (Tashkent Medical Academy, Uzbekistan- former USSR)

Residency in Internal Medicine (Newark Beth Israel Medical Centre, New Jersey)



Dr. Rocio Monroy, Paediatrician.

Doctor of Medicine (Universidad Autonoma a de Bucaramanga, Colombia)

Research Fellowship in Reproductive Biology and Residency Training in General Paediatrics (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Paediatric Intensive Care Fellowship (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto)



Dr. Brandon Wickens, Otolaryngologist.

Doctor of Medicine (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Head and Neck Surgery Residency (University of Western Ontario, London)

Currently completing a Fellowship in Otolaryngology and Neurotology (Dalhousie University, Halifax)



Dr. Craig Durant, Vascular Surgeon.

Doctor of Medicine (University of Toronto, Toronto)

Residency in General Surgery (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Currently completing a Vascular Surgery Fellowship (McMaster University, Hamilton)



Dr. Andy Rust, Hospitalist.

Doctor of Medicine (University of Toronto, Toronto)

Currently completing a Family Medicine Residency (University of Western Ontario, London)



Dr. Lisa Gabrielli, Hospitalist.

Doctor of Medicine (University of Western Ontario, London)

Currently completing a Family Medicine Residency (University of Western Ontario, London)



Dr. Mike Christian

Doctor of Medicine (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Internal Medicine (University of Toronto/Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons Canada, Toronto)

Critical Care & Infections Diseases (McMaster University/Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons Canada)

Masters of Science in Public Health (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, England)



Dr. Manal El-Sayed, Paediatrician

Doctor of Medicine (Lebanese University, Lebanon)

Residency training in Paediatrics (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Fellowship in Neonatal Perinatal Medicine (University of Toronto, Toronto)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Dayna Al-Baldawi, Hospitalist.

Doctor of Medicine and Family Medicine Residency (McMaster University, Hamilton)

Currently completing a Fellowship in Care of the Elderly (McMaster University, Hamilton)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Maureen Cameron, General Internal Medicine.

Doctor of Medicine (University of Ottawa, Ottawa)

Internal Medicine Residency (Queen's University, Kingston)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Lorraine Jensen, General Internal Medicine.

Doctor of Medicine and Internal Medicine Residency (University of Toronto, Toronto)

Currently the Chief Medical Resident at Women's College Hospital, Toronto

NO PHOTO: Dr. Jascinth James, Emergency Medicine.

Doctor of Medicine (Wayne State University School of Medicine, Michigan)

Emergency Medicine Residency (Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Centre Bronx, New York)

Ultrasound Fellowship (Henry Ford Health System, Michigan)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Ali Mohajerani

Doctor of Medicine (Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran)

Medical Licensure Program for International Medical Graduates Residency (University of Manitoba, Manitoba)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Salim Ahmed, Emergency Medicine.

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Matthew Gunton, Orthopedic Surgeon.

Doctor of Medicine (Flinders University, Australia)

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency (University of Toronto, Toronto)

NO PHOTO: Dr. Davar Nikneshan, Neurologist.

Doctor of Medicine (Tehran University, Iran)

Adult Neurology Residency (University of Toronto, Toronto)