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Health Centre appoints Dr. Nancy White as Medical Director and Chief of Emergency Medicine

Local doctor selected following national search

Following recruitment efforts attracting interest from some of the best and brightest ER physician leaders across Canada, Gary Lounsbury, Chair of the Board of Directors and Ken Tremblay, President & CEO are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Nancy White as Chief and Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Peterborough Regional Health Centre.



PRHC has been home to Dr. White since 1994, when she completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at McMaster University and several placements (locums) at the hospital.

“We believe that our patients deserve medical leaders among the best in Canada,” said Mr. Lounsbury. “Dr. White is incredibly dedicated and skilled, and from right here in Peterborough. We couldn’t be more proud and pleased with her appointment.”

“This dual appointment will see Dr. White as Chief of Emergency Medicine and Medical Director, and follows a rigorous national search and appointment process at PRHC,” said Mr. Tremblay.

This new standard of recruitment for all new appointments of Department Chiefs is overseen by a Search Committee chaired by a member of the Board. “A department Chief is primarily responsible for quality of care in the department, while a Program Medical Director with the Administrative Director has primary responsibility for allocation of resources in the program,” explained Dr. Peter McLaughlin, Chief Medical Officer.

Having Dr. White in a dual role will ensure alignment of the Emergency Department’s priority of delivering high quality care in the most efficient manner. Dr. White will continue to practice Emergency Medicine at the hospital.

“I am very proud of the nurses, physicians, healthcare professionals and support personnel across PRHC who provide exceptional care for our patients,” said Dr. White. “An aging population, ever-evolving and improving healthcare diagnostics and treatments, as well as our dramatically increasing role as a regional centre are all placing more demands across the hospital. I am 100 per cent confident that PRHC, our physicians, and our exceptional professionals are up to the challenge.”

Dr. White has had a keen interest in sports medicine. She has provided volunteer medical coverage for many events, including the Women’s World Hockey Championship, Canada Winter Games and Ironman competitions. She has also acted as team doctor for the Trent University Varsity rowing team. She was on the executive of the Sports Medicine section of the OMA for a number of years. Dr. White enjoys adventure travel and has been on many exciting trips with her husband, Glenn.

Professional Biography

1989-92	Family and Emergency Medicine Residency, McMaster University
1992-94	Locum, Peterborough Civic Hospital
1994-	Emergency Department Physician, Peterborough Regional Health Centre
1997-2007	Medical Director, Centre for Sports Medicine
2008	Chief of Emergency Department
2011:	Interim Medical Director, Emergency Department

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