

## Health Center Update

I am very pleased to welcome the latest member of the North Kawartha Medical Team, Danielle Howson, a registered nurse soon to be nurse practitioner. With experience in the Emergency Department at PRHC, she is excited about the next stage in her career. Danielle joins Dr. Paul Hasson's team providing another big step forward in the expansion of our health care services.

Population health is essential to the economic and social well-being of communities. We are working hard to provide that health status in North Kawartha.

We must always be working on our capabilities. It is critical that we have a health care system that will support the needs of a permanent population; the influx of seasonal residents; and the scope of needs from babies to the elderly, from general health to urgent cases.

We are lucky to have a strong team to work within Peterborough County. I want to thank Lori Richey, Executive Director, Peterborough Family Health Team for her wonderful support of our services.

The last four years have provided an opportunity to build on the legacy of Dr. Rayes. Restructuring our facility to accommodate a larger professional staff and large case load; developing the [EMS] bypass protocol for the "Peterborough First" Program; attracting a new doctor here for the long term, and now a new nurse practitioner. This team joins a great compliment of health disciplines including a dentist and his hygienist, chiropractor, mental health clinician, dietitian (also recently added to the team) and of course all the great client support staff that these professions require.

We look forward to working with the Family Health Team and the team at the Health Centre to provide and expand services as the opportunity presents itself.

To learn more, please join me at the open house that Dr. Hasson will be announcing in the future.

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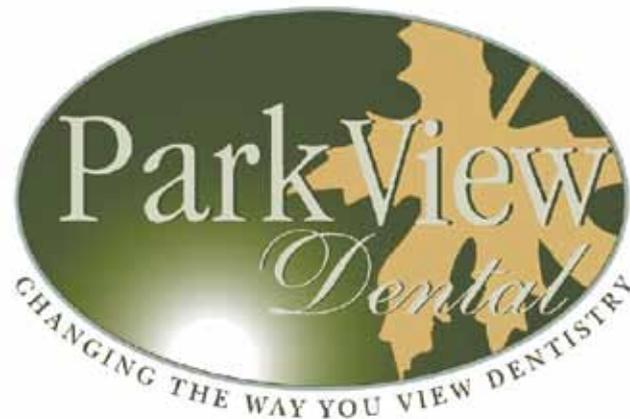
## Apsley Health Care – Fall Update

Dr. Paul Hasson reported that Lorie Dunford will be back in Apsley for a few weeks to provide coverage during his holidays and to show the ropes to the new Nurse, Danielle Howson. Most of Lorie's patients have been assigned to Dr. Hasson's roster and they need to sign enrollment forms to complete that process.

Dr. Hasson clarified that Lorie wanted to continue within a very busy and challenging practice – working on her own without an MD – so she took the new opportunity which was presented in Lakefield. Dr. Hasson is pleased and impressed to have been able to start working with Nurse Danielle, who is a recent grad of the Masters of Nursing (with Primary Health Care – Nurse Practitioner) program at Queens. She will practice with a restricted license until November when she takes her final NP exam.

Dr. Hasson also clarified that since the PFHT did not know when a NP would be hired, they initially created a wait list. Since Danielle has been hired, they opened things up and are accepting new patients in Apsley again.

Finally, Dr. Hasson wanted to remind all patients to bring in their medication bottles and blister packs to their appointments to reduce the chance medication errors. He noted a great "thank you" to Ed Hudon at the Apsley Guardian Pharmacy for his patience and working with the local team to reduce medication errors and to provide improved care to the community.



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