



News Release

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Central Health recruits new pathologist and ophthalmologist to region

Central Health is pleased to welcome a new pathologist to Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor and a new ophthalmologist in Gander.

"Physician recruitment is very competitive because physicians are in high demand across the country," said Dr. Zuckerman. "Despite this, we have recently had some success and it has helped build confidence because, although physician recruitment is one of our biggest challenges, we know we can do it."

The addition of a pathologist at Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre means there are now two pathologists working in Grand Falls-Windsor which brings the department to its full physician complement. As our population ages, there is a continuing demand for services related to eye health. With a new ophthalmologist in Gander, those needs will continue to be met.

"We know that recruitment and retention of physicians will continue to be one of the biggest challenges that we will face," said Dr. Zuckerman. "We also know that there are still areas where we need to recruit physicians and while we're happy with some of the successes we've had in the past few months, we're not about to take our eye off the ball."

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