



News Release

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Central Health recruits two physician specialists to region

Central Health is pleased to announce the addition of two new physicians to the medical services team at Central Health.

The Honourable Paul Oram, Minister of Health and Community Services was in the central region today and discussed recent physician recruitment efforts at Central Health.

"Physician recruitment is very competitive because physicians are in high demand across the country," said Minister Oram. "We have been working very hard to keep physicians in the province and to recruit others. Today's announcement is evidence that despite the challenges, we are having success."

"The addition of these two physicians is a huge benefit to this entire region," said Dr. Michael Zuckerman, Vice President of Medical Services, Central Health. "Both physicians are originally from Newfoundland and Labrador and we're really excited that our recruitment efforts will allow them to continue to live and practice in our province."

The new physicians recently recruited to the area include:

1. Orthopedic surgeon, James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre (JPMRHC) in Gander, effective July 6, 2009.
2. Radiologist, JPMRHC and Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre (CNRHC) in Grand Falls-Windsor, effective August 10, 2009.

The new orthopedic surgeon has particular expertise in sports injuries and upper extremities while the radiologist's expertise is in the areas of nuclear and interventional radiology.

"With a new MRI coming to the region, the addition of another radiologist will certainly help us provide good and timely service to the residents of central Newfoundland," said Dr. Zuckerman. "Adding more resources to orthopedic services in this region is also very positive because we know that as our population ages, the demand for services like hip and knee replacements will increase. With another orthopedic surgeon, we are well positioned to meet those needs and maintain Central Health's position as a leader in the province for waitlist management of orthopedic services."

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