



OUR TEAM, OUR STRENGTH

Introducing Dr. Francesco Mulé, New NHH Emergency Medicine Specialist

Attracting full-time Emergency Department (ED) physicians can be a challenge for any hospital, but for small community hospitals the competition posed by larger centres makes it particularly difficult.

When the NHH team heard that a US-based physician specialized in Emergency Medicine was interested in relocating to the area, they quickly organized an opportunity to demonstrate all that NHH had to offer. By January, 2011, NHH had succeeded in recruiting a new full-time Emergency Medicine physician--positive news for the hospital and the physician involved.



Born and raised in New York City, **Dr. Francesco Mulé** is the son of Italian immigrants who left Sicily for New York in the 1960s. After completing medical school in Canada at Newfoundland's Memorial University, Dr. Mulé returned to the US where he completed residencies in both general pediatrics and emergency medicine. Dual certified in both specialties, he began his career as an attending physician

in the Emergency Department at North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Centre in New York City.

Canada beckoned again, however, when Dr. Mulé's wife, Dr. Heather Lemon, suggested relocating closer to her family near Whitby, Ontario. With young children of their own (Luca, 4 and Liam, 2), the move made a lot of sense for all involved, and the pair began to research their options.

When an opportunity in the Durham region didn't materialize, Dr. Mulé cast his eyes to surrounding communities and, with help from Health Force Ontario, he connected with Robert Biron and Chief of Staff Dr. David Broderick at Northumberland Hills.

"For me, it was a perfect fit," he noted. "I wanted an opportunity that would permit me to use my skills to their full scope within the context of a consistent, dedicated team. I was drawn to emergency medicine because of its complexity and urgency, but the academic centre I was working at in the US didn't always offer that. There is no better place to get exposure to a broad range of medical issues and complexities than in a community ED, and NHH fit the bill. The dedication local GPs have for their patients in this community is most impressive, and it marries well with my own model of practice."

"This has been a win-win for everyone," agrees Dr. Broderick. "We are shoring up our hospital's gateway--our Emergency Department--with a core team of physicians, general practitioners and specialists alike, who are interested in emergency medicine and trained to deal with the increasing complexity we see at NHH. Dr. Mulé has been a great complement to our team. We welcome the depth and breadth of training he brings and his interest in the complicated cases we are seeing more of each and every day here at NHH."

Globe and Mail public health reporter and best-selling author André Picard coming to Port Hope for discussion on health system sustainability

National public health reporter and best-selling author **André Picard** is the next guest in the area's new *Conversations* speakers' series aimed at encouraging discussion around issues pertinent to local health care.

Mr. Picard will take the stage at Port Hope's Capitol Theatre at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27th for what promises to be a very thought-provoking discussion on health system sustainability. A question and answer session will follow the formal remarks.

With *The Globe and Mail* since 1987, André Picard received a National Newspaper Award as Canada's top newspaper columnist in 2010. He was also named Canada's first "Public Health Hero" by the Canadian Public Health Association, a "Champion of Mental Health" by the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health, and he received the Outstanding Leadership in Cancer Control Prize from the Campaign to Control Cancer.

Mr. Picard will be recognized for his impact on Canada's public health policy later this month with a prestigious Hyman Solomon Award from the Public Policy Forum. Presented annually to a journalist "whose work provides insights into the policy-making process in Canada, and explains to Canadians how changes in public policy affect their individual well-being and collective economic progress," the award will be presented in Toronto on April 28th.

NHH teamed up with the volunteers in the NHH Foundation's Caring for Generations Society to introduce the series in February, 2011. *Conversations - Exploring health care issues that affect our community* is running monthly through May, offering an opportunity to hear from, and chat with, some of Ontario's leading health care system influencers.

Tickets (\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door) are available online from the NHH website at www.nhh.ca. The Foundation office is also selling tickets from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, week days, from their office inside the main entrance to the hospital at 1000 Depalma Drive in Cobourg.

Tickets for the fourth and final event in the first cycle of the popular *Conversations* series are also available now. Hospital governance experts **Graham Scott** and **Maureen Quigley** will take the stage at Cobourg's Best Western on Tuesday, May 10th.

For more information, contact Jennifer Gillard at 905-377-7757 or jgillard@nhh.ca



THANK A VOLUNTEER

Message from Robert Biron, NHH President and CEO

Northumberland residents volunteer impressive amounts of their personal time and talents to the benefit of local causes, but there are few sectors where this is more evident than health care. From driving patients to and from appointments to offering friendly in-hospital visits to those whose family members may be far away, volunteers are a constant, integral part of our complex health care system.

Here at NHH volunteers contribute to the hospital and our "patients first" culture in many ways. They provide their valued skills and expertise as Directors and community members on our volunteer Board and committees, raise funds for necessary medical equipment, and aid patient care with warm greetings at the front door and spiritual support at the passing of a loved one.

The week of April 10th to 16th is National Volunteer Week in Canada. Certainly, we should celebrate volunteers this week, but we shouldn't reserve our thanks for one week alone. The next time you see a volunteer at NHH, take the time to say thanks. If you happen to be one of our valued volunteers who generously gives to our hospital, please know your efforts are very much appreciated. We simply couldn't do all that we do without your contribution.

To learn more about the many volunteering opportunities at NHH, and how you can get involved, please visit www.nhh.ca

Upcoming NHH Foundation Events

Search Party - A Scavenger Hunt for Health Presented by Bill Spencer Chevrolet Ltd.

Saturday, May 7, noon to 4:00 PM, Victoria Park, Cobourg

Northumberland Street Hockey Festival, Presented by Canadian Tire

Saturday, May 14

Northumberland's Biggest Coffee Morning

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

For more information on these and other Foundation events, please visit the Foundation section at www.nhh.ca or call the Foundation office at 905-372-6811, ext. 3065.

Upcoming NHH Auxiliary Events

Petticoat Lane Anniversary Sale

Saturday, April 16 (9:30 AM to 4:30 PM) and
Sunday, April 17 (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

Celebrate the first year of this busy thrift shop's new Munroe Street, Cobourg location with great bargains and treasures.

Bowling for Bucks

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Northshore Lanes, Northumberland Mall

Combines fundraising with socializing for Auxiliary volunteers. Support a volunteer with a pledge, and come out to cheer them on!

For more information on the NHH Auxiliary, please visit the Volunteers section at www.nhh.ca or call the Auxiliary office at 905-372-6811, ext. 4630.

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