



May 1st is Doctors' Day, and we want to say thanks

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 – On Wednesday, May 1st, Northumberland Hills Hospital will join with its partners on [West Northumberland's Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee](#) and health care organizations across the province to recognize the exceptional contributions made by Ontario's doctors.

Few people have as close a view of us as our doctors. They're with us for the most stressful parts of our lives, and for some of the most joyful. We grow up with them, we share our fears and questions with them, and they help us to grow old, with dignity.

Each day, doctors treat more than 340,000 patients across this province. Whether in a hospital, long-term care facility, clinic, or at a patient's home, Ontario's doctors are committed to providing the high quality care that patients and their families need and deserve.

Please join us in celebrating Doctors' Day, by participating with us in the Ontario Medical Association's 2019 digital campaign entitled #DoctorsDay. Share some of the inspirational stories and interactions that you've had with your doctor and, together, we can collectively highlight and celebrate doctors' expertise, dedication and value to patient care in our community, and say thanks.

Join the conversation, submit your story at oma.org/doctorsday and share it on your own social media channels using the hashtag #DoctorsDay. Patient stories will be highlighted through the Ontario Medical Association's social media channels throughout the month of May.

"We are extremely fortunate to have such a strong and active community of physicians in west Northumberland," said Linda Davis, President and CEO at Northumberland Hills Hospital. "Thank you for all you do, here at the hospital and in the broader community, to put patients first."

"On behalf of the West Northumberland Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee and the residents we serve we say thank you for all your hard work and dedication," said Gerald Blackstock, WNPRRC Chair. "We know that all of you go above and beyond on a daily basis and we appreciate your commitment to health care in west Northumberland."

Fast Facts about Ontario's Doctors (from the Ontario Medical Association)

- Number of practicing physicians in Ontario: approximately 31,500
- Number of specialists: 15,700

- Number of General and Family practitioners: 14,800
- Number of medical students: 3,400
- Number of residents: 4,600
- Number of specialty areas of medicine: 47 ranging from medical oncology to public health
- Average number of years to complete medical education: 8-12 years, plus ongoing, mandatory continuing professional development courses
- Ontario's doctors treat approximately 340,000 patients each day and approximately 6.3+ million in emergency departments each year
- Each physician's office (through overhead) contributes the equivalent of 4 full-time jobs in their community, generates \$205,000 in GDP, and generates \$50,000 in tax revenue for the municipal, provincial and federal governments

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

About the West Northumberland Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (WNPRCC) – Formed in 2001, the WNPRCC is a volunteer group of citizens representing community agencies and businesses, municipalities, physicians and the Northumberland Hills Hospital. Chaired by local resident Gerald Blackstock, the Committee's mandate is to attract new family physicians to the area and to lead efforts helpful in retaining the excellent family physicians working in our communities today. For more information about the WNPRCC please visit www.northumberlanddocs.com

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