

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Northumberland Hills Hospital and area physicians host first-year medical students for Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) Week!**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, June 6, 2025** –Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) was pleased to collaborate with the Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) for their latest ROMP Week opportunities.

ROMP Week is an opportunity that gives students from Ontario medical schools a chance to gain valuable hands-on clinical experience, while highlighting the medical and geographical benefits of practicing medicine in rural communities like Northumberland County.

We were thrilled to welcome five first-year medical students who had the opportunity to shadow local family physicians while spending time working in multiple hospital departments.

Huge thanks to Drs. Everdell, Cameron, Cornish, Hasan Lebbe, Smith, and Haunts who generously participated as preceptors for the week. Housing for the students was also generously donated by Carly Cunningham and family and Dr. Mark and Linda Essak.

In addition to clinical experience, the week was filled with fun social activities in the evening, which included Dragon Boating, generously donated by the Bruce Bellaire and the Cobourg Dragon Boating Club, a welcome barbecue at the home of Dr. Fraser Cameron and his wife Shelagh Staunton, a show at the Capitol Theatre, and a trivia event with community doctors and students at The Thirsty Goose in Port Hope.

A special thank you to Dr. Emma Smith for organizing another exceptional ROMP Week and helping showcase all that Northumberland has to offer for physicians.

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**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – 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, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and 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 67,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 850 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland. For more information, please visit [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca) or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](#), and LinkedIn [Northumberland Hills Hospital](#).

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