



## **NEWS RELEASE– FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **New Hospitalist and Emergency Physician joins NHH medical team– Welcome to Dr. Bryce Chen**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday August 28, 2023**—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is pleased to announce the recent recruitment of Dr. Bryce Chen who will be joining the Hospitalist team in addition to supporting the hospital's Emergency Department (ED) as an Emergency Physician.

"We are very happy to welcome Dr. Chen back to NHH as both a new member of our Hospitalist team and in the Emergency Department," said Susan Walsh, President and CEO. "Dr. Chen completed a portion of his medical training at NHH several years ago. We are thrilled that, after completing his residency, he chose to return to NHH and share his skillset with the community of west Northumberland County."

"Hospitalists were introduced to NHH's medical model of care in 2012 and have become a critical part of our care team. Today, they oversee care for more than 60 per cent of all admitted patients with the balance being cared for by a mix of General Practitioners from the community and Nurse Practitioners. Recruiting Dr. Chen to our growing Hospitalist team, which also includes Drs. Knackstedt, McGarry, Rys, and, most recently, Everdell, further expands this critical team and builds much needed capacity into a pivotal part of our medical team," said Dr. Mukesh Bhargava, Chief of Staff. "We are also grateful to add Dr. Chen to our Emergency Department physician roster to support the delivery of high-quality care for patients requiring emergency medical care."

Dr. Chen completed a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and is a recent graduate of the Queen's Family Medicine Program at Queen's University, where he completed his Family Medicine Residency. Prior to his Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Chen received a Bachelor of Science with high distinction from the University of Toronto.

As a Hospitalist, Dr. Chen is responsible for providing care to inpatients throughout their hospital stay, while coordinating supports to ensure a safe and successful transition back home. As a member of NHH's Emergency Department, he will diagnose and assist patients experiencing medical emergencies in addition to offering referrals to health specialists for further treatment as needed.

"I really enjoy the team environment around NHH," said Dr. Bryce Chen. "I started at NHH three weeks ago and have found that everyone has been extremely welcoming in

terms of ensuring that I feel well-supported coming here. This was also my experience as a student, and it played a big role in my decision to return. Everyone is happy to help in any way possible with this new transition and it's been great.”

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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 63,000 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 700 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 or Twitter @NorHillsHosp.

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