



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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NHH welcomes Respiriologist Sirar Ibrahim to internal medicine program

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, December 16th, 2015—The internal medicine program at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is growing with the successful recruitment of a new specialist to the community, Dr. Sirar Ibrahim.

A Respirologist who completed his formal training at McGill University, Dr. Ibrahim was introduced to the area and NHH this summer through a series of locum (part-time) shifts.

Though he was not familiar with Northumberland before his first visit, Dr. Ibrahim was quickly impressed with the hospital, the staff and the patients he met and—on completion of his fellowship training in Montreal—he decided to relocate and establish a practice in Northumberland.

Now a member of the internal medicine call group covering NHH’s increasingly busy Intensive Care Unit, Dr. Ibrahim will provide internal medicine support throughout NHH when on-call. He will also operate a pulmonary care consultation practice in the hospital, catering to local patients with respiratory conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD), asthma and pneumonia. Among the services he will provide at NHH are bronchoscopies, commonly used to diagnose cancers and other conditions of the lung. Until Dr. Ibrahim’s arrival, this procedure was not available in the community.

“I was initially impressed with the architecture of the hospital,” said Dr. Ibrahim. “My personal and clinical experience in all my locums was very positive. The employees are just amazing... friendly, cooperative and extremely helpful. I am looking forward to getting to know the area and its residents as I build my practice, and I thank Northumberland for the opportunity.”

Before coming to Canada in 2009, and prior to completing his specialty training in internal medicine and respirology at the University of Toronto and McGill, respectively, Dr. Ibrahim practiced medicine in Iraq and Jordan. He also served as a supervisor in the United Nation’s Polio Vaccination Teams in Iraq.

“We are very pleased to introduce Dr. Ibrahim to the NHH team,” said Dr. Mukesh Bhargava, NHH’s chief of internal medicine, and Dr. David Broderick, Chief of Staff, in an internal announcement to staff. “His specialized knowledge in respiratory diseases is very much in demand in our community and our hospital. Please join us in extending a warm welcome.”

Dr. Ibrahim is now accepting referrals from area physicians. For more information please contact Jennifer Gillard, jgillard@nhh.ca or 905-377-7757.

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, 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 Alwick/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).

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