



PRESS RELEASE

Newest Barry's Bay physician builds practice

Dr. Steven Chen joined the medical staff at St. Francis Memorial Hospital on July 1, 2017, and has begun his family medicine practice located at the St. Francis Health Centre. The newest physician to the area expects to take on up to 75 new patients per month beginning in October.

In addition to providing care for his patients in clinic, Dr. Chen also provides coverage for the Emergency Department, hospital in-patients and Valley Manor Nursing Home.

Dr. Chen spent his early childhood years in St. John's, Newfoundland later moving to the Ottawa region with his family and ultimately settling in Kanata. In 2015, Dr. Chen obtained his M.D., C.M. (*Medicinæ Doctorem et Chirurgiæ Magistrum*) degree at McGill University in Montreal, as a McGill Prestige Scholar. Being interested in many disciplines in medicine, he pursued further specialization in Family Medicine at Queen's University in Kingston.

Having a liking for nature and the outdoors, Dr. Chen says he is thrilled to be living in this area with access to countless hiking trails, surrounded by wildlife and lakes.

"I am amazed by the area's natural beauty and the friendliness, and excited to have located to an area where I can enjoy a rural lifestyle and yet still be close to family," says Dr. Chen.

Patients looking for a family doctor are encouraged to submit a request thorough his website at www.DocChen.ca where visitors will find links to a New Patient Request Form. Residents without access to the internet may make a request to be added to his wait-list by calling his office or attending in-person during his regular office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9am and 4pm. Existing patients may book appointments online through his website.

Dr. Chen will also be connecting with Health Care Connect, a program that helps patients without a family doctor to link with a healthcare provider who is accepting new patients. Residents without a family physician may register at www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect <http://www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect> or call 1-800-445-1822.

Given the number of unattached patients in our community, Dr. Chen may not be able to offer care to all those on his wait list. The Barry's Bay Physician Recruitment Committee continues to actively recruit new physicians to join our community.