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## **Dr. Neil Pritchard Appointed Chief of Staff at Campbellford Memorial Hospital and Hospital recognizes many achievements of departing Chief Dr. Bob Henderson**

Brad Hilker, President & CEO of Campbellford Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Neil Pritchard as its new Chief of Staff effective January 1, 2017. As Chief of Staff, Dr. Pritchard is accountable for overall monitoring and reporting to CMH's Board on the quality of medical diagnosis, care and treatment provided to all patients at the hospital.

Dr. Pritchard arrived in Campbellford in 2010 to join the Trent Hills Family Health Team, where he assumed the practice of Dr. Jacob Huynh. In April 2015, Dr. Pritchard left his role at Trent Hills Family Health Team and became a full-time hospitalist supporting all inpatients at Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

Prior to his arrival in Campbellford, Dr. Pritchard spent 30 years as a medical officer and flight surgeon with the Canadian Armed Forces. He is a graduate of Queen's University Medical School. Dr. Pritchard practiced family medicine in a small town in upstate New York for 15 years before re-enlisting as medical officer with the Canadian Forces. Dr. Pritchard served as a commander of the Canadian Forces resuscitation unit in Afghanistan from the summer of 2007 to the spring of 2008. He was also a resuscitation officer in the first Gulf War and served on two peacekeeping missions. Dr. Pritchard is originally from Reading, UK and today he lives with his family in Stirling, Ontario.

"We're pleased to recognize Dr. Pritchard as our new Chief of Staff. Since his arrival, Dr. Pritchard has had a positive impact on our culture, demonstrating compassionate care, excellence and accountability in his work. He brings a wealth of experience to this role and we believe our patients and staff will benefit from his leadership in this expanded role within the hospital," says Hilker.

"The Board welcomes Dr. Pritchard in his expanded role as our Chief of Staff. He brings excellent leadership and professional experience to the role and is a wonderful example of the calibre of professionals who are drawn to support our hospital." says Valerie Przybilla, Chair, Board of Directors of Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Bob Henderson for his many years of support including being the co-chief of staff for the last two years. I am pleased to be able to express our shared pride in the many accomplishments and the positive impact Dr. Henderson has had on our hospital and the many patients who've received his care. We are grateful for his many years of service and dedication to providing excellent care. Dr. Henderson has also demonstrated tremendous leadership and has been instrumental in supporting the hospital's vision of being a recognized leader in rural health care. He will be missed in this leadership role." added Hilker.

“We thank Dr. Henderson for his many years of support to CMH and the patients we serve. He has demonstrated community leadership on many levels both at CMH and within the broader community. His dedication and commitment to quality care has served a significant role in supporting the progress we’ve made in the relief of illness, pain and suffering.” Ms. Przybilla added.

Although there is this change in leadership, Dr. Bob Henderson will continue to practice medicine at Campbellford Memorial Hospital. Dr. Henderson has an impressive history of serving the health care needs of people both here in Trent Hills and in less-fortunate countries that is worthy of recognition. Dr. Henderson was a founding physician at Hillside Family Medicine, and was one of the founding family physicians at the Trent Hills Family Health Team when it was established.

Dr. Henderson and his wife, Cathy, are active participants in the Trent Hills community, supporting a variety of community and charitable events.

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