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Campbellford Memorial Hospital Welcomes New Surgeon – Dr. Syed Najfi to Join CMH Team in January, 2016

Campbellford residents will soon benefit from the caring expertise of Dr. Syed Najfi, pictured here, who will be joining the medical team at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) as its General Surgeon effective January 1, 2016. Dr. Najfi will be replacing Dr. Jerry Sue-Chue-Lam who, after over 30 years of practice, is retiring from the General Surgeon role. CMH's convenient out-patient surgery program offers many surgical procedures without the need for an overnight stay. Surgeries are performed in many specialities including General Surgery, Urology, Ear, Nose and Throat.



Dr. Najfi brings to this role extensive international surgical experience having served in a variety of hospitals as both a general and specialized surgeon in Pakistan, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Since 2005, Dr. Najfi has been practicing as a Specialist General Surgeon at James Paton Memorial Hospital in Gander, Newfoundland. This is a Regional Health Centre supporting the acute health care needs for this community of approximately 60,000 people. He is looking forward to bringing his experience to the patients at CMH.

"I've always liked working in small community hospitals. In many ways the Trent Hills community shares many of the qualities I enjoy about life in Gander, Newfoundland. It is a smaller community with all of the benefits that a country setting offers, while still being within an easy commute to Toronto. This makes it easy to stay connected with my family and friends around the Greater Toronto Area," he explains. Dr. Najfi is married to Maimoona or "Meena", and together they have two daughters and a son.

"To the Trent Hills community I can draw upon my extensive clinical and professional experience gained by working in a variety of health care settings in different countries around the world caring for diverse groups of varying ethnicities. I can also share my belief that the best physician and patient relationships are defined by a two-way relationship and open communication. I really value the opportunity to work in a smaller community because it gives you an opportunity to get to know your patients. For me the biggest reward of being a surgeon is the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped the patient and met their needs," he adds.

"On behalf of the CMH team, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Najfi to our team of medical professionals. We are always striving for excellence, continuously improving and staying on top of the latest best practices and clinical protocols. Over the past 5 years, CMH and its team of health care providers have been consistently recognized for a commitment to excellence in health care. Dr. Najfi's experience and expertise will complement the existing exceptional level of care our patients have come to expect at CMH," says Brad Hilker, President and CEO, CMH, adding: "I want to thank Dr. Sue-Chue-Lam for his service and support to our patients while serving as the hospital's General Surgeon. We wish him and his family the best health and continued prosperity as he enters into this new phase of his life."

“I will miss the many patients and colleagues that I have had an opportunity to connect with and care for over the past 10 years at CMH. This is a very friendly community and the team at CMH is a special group of friendly, approachable and personable professionals with extensive health care expertise. Together, we’ve worked very hard to improve standards of care and our services. I am proud of that legacy,” says Dr. Sue-Chue-Lam, who joined CMH in 2005. Together with his wife Cerise, he will be retiring to the Trenton area.

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