



# Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment News

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## Acronyms to remember

PRC – Physician Recruitment Committee

PGY1 or PGY2 – Post Graduate Year 1 or 2 (medical residents)

U3 or U4 – Undergrad third and fourth year medical students

ER – Emergency Room

FM – Family Medicine

FHT – Family Health Team (Doctors and Allied Health Professionals)

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Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment Committee

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## Mark Your Calendars!

The **Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment Committee** (PRC) is hosting our Casino Night (Friday April 21) and our Doctor's Dining Duel (Friday September 15) again in 2017.

Based on feedback from both of our inaugural events we will be making some changes and improving our events for this year. We hope you will be able to join us!

This year we are offering sponsorship opportunities for both events, in addition to collecting prizes and auction items. Tickets will be on sale soon for the Casino Night at Lumbertown Ale House, Arnprior UHaul and Island View Retirement Suites.

For more information on sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, or how to donate a door prize/auction item please contact:

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## Do you need a local doctor?

The Arnprior and District Family Health Team Physicians endeavor to serve the members of our community and support the health and well-being of those within the region. To that end they have created a tab on the Arnprior and Area Family Health Team website ([www.arnpriorfht.ca](http://www.arnpriorfht.ca)) called "Need a Doctor", where residents can fill in the form. They will be contacted should a physician within the Arnprior and District Family Health Team become available to take new patients.

This website is not a centralized patient-doctor matching database. Work is underway locally in the Arnprior and District Family Health Team, over time, which aims to help more people who want a local family physician to find one. There may not be an instant solution for everyone who is looking for a doctor now. Currently, the central means of finding a family doctor accepting new patients is through **Health Care Connect at 1-866-532-3161.**

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## Dec- Feb Stats

Interviews/Site Visits - 2

Students/Residents - 4

Family Medicine -4

Emergency Department - 0

Internal Medicine - 0

## Dr. Annelise Miller - Resident



(From left Mark Nibourg (Chair, PRC), Laura Tromp (PRC), Dr. Annelise Miller, Dr. Nejad (family physician), and Eric Hanna (CEO ARH))

Dr. Annelise Miller, a PGY2 resident from the University of Ottawa got to enjoy working in our newly renovated office suite with preceptor Dr. Mohammad Nejad between December 2016 and January 2017. She enjoyed her rotation, and when asked about her experience she said "the thing that struck me the most about the team in Arnprior is the warm welcome and receptiveness they showed towards me. From the nurses on the inpatient unit and in the ER, to the clerks, the cleaning and cafeteria staff, the administration, and of course the docs. My supervisor, Dr. Nejad, was very supportive, and he and the family health team were very kind and open. I felt like a valuable member of the team and all seemed genuinely interested in getting to know me. I was warmly received at the recruitment luncheon and even ran into your CEO Eric Hanna again in the cafeteria where he remembered who I was. Overall it was a lovely experience as a trainee and perhaps we shall all meet again in the future!"

## New Ministry of Health Funding for ARH!

Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) recently received some exciting news from Dr. Eric Hoskins – Minister of Health. The letter confirmed that ARH has been approved to proceed with the much needed upgrades to their central sterile reprocessing area (CSR). The majority of the cost to this upgrade will be provided by the ministry. Eric Hanna, President and CEO of ARH commented that the Ministry of Health is committed to ensuring quality care is provided in rural Ontario communities. "Small integrated rural health corporations such as ARH are models the Ministry of Health is focused upon supporting."



Every year more than 14 surgeons, supported by 3 anesthetists, perform almost 3000 surgical procedures at the Arnprior Hospital. The sterile processing of instruments, devices, and items has a major impact on infection control and patient safety. The operating room and CSR staff are very pleased with the announcement, noting that their surgical program is a vital service to our growing and aging community.

General surgeon Dr. Andrea Gutauskas was thrilled with the announcement saying, "Patients who are provided with surgery within their community based hospital allows for more family support which can be an integral part in their recovery."

In addition to existing physicians and staff, those family physicians coming to Arnprior who wish to provide surgical assist services will also benefit from the upgraded CSR equipment. Congratulations to ARH!

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## Attendance at FMRQ recruitment fair was a success!

This month our Physician Recruitment Coordinator attended the Fédération des médecine résidents de Québec career fair in Montreal for the first time. This event is targeted at medical residents in Quebec who would like to leave the province. Over 300 Family Medicine and Specialist Residents from McGill, Laval and Sherbrooke Universities attended. Arnprior was quite well received given its proximity to both Ottawa and Montreal.

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## Our Donors

A big THANK YOU to M. Sullivan & Son Limited who started off 2017 with a \$2,500 donation.

Their name will now be added to the new plaque to thank those organizations who have made a cumulative contribution of \$5,000 or more to support Physician Recruitment. Island View Retirement Suites, Town of Arnprior and the Township of McNab/Braeside have also made the list.

The plaque is on display on the on the first floor of the Primary Health Care Centre beside the newly renovated 6 physician office suite.

