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REGISTER TO FIND A FAMILY DOCTOR

The Barrie and Area Physician Recruitment Task Force (BAPR), along with Health Care Connect, is holding an open house for people who do not have a family physician and want to add their names to the registration list for physicians accepting new patients.

The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Barrie City Hall, 70 Collier Street. A valid health card is required for each individual, as well as the completion of a short medical history questionnaire. Please note, completion of the registration does not guarantee people will get a family physician. The registration process puts a patient's name on file for when physicians in the area are accepting new patients.

Registration can also be done by calling 1-800-445-1822 or online at Ontario.ca/healthcareconnect. There is no fee to register and the process takes approximately 15 minutes. At the open house, volunteers will be available to assist.

BAPR is a partnership with Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, the City of Barrie, the Town of Innisfil, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater. Health Care Connect helps Ontarians who are without a family health care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner) to find one. People without a family health care provider are referred to a family doctor or a nurse practitioner who is accepting new patients in their community.

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