

Medical Students Week Returns to the Barrie Area

Family medicine residents from Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU) will be hosting eight first year University of Toronto medical students during Medical Student Week June 10th to 14th, 2013. During the week, the students get hands-on training and education to experience first-hand what this community can offer them if they choose to practice medicine here.

While here, the students will partner with over 40 of area physicians who will mentor the students on the real-time aspects of being a physician. These physicians have donated their professional time in their clinics and in the health centre as well as their personal time to spend with the learners. During the course of the week, the students will be exposed to a variety of medical specialities, will spend time learning practical skills at RVH and will participate in a session at Eastview Secondary School designed to educate high school and university students on careers in medicine.

“This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our highly successful Family Medicine Teaching Unit and also offers an opportunity for our first and second year residents to share their skill, expertise and advice to future doctors,” says Dr. Stuart Murdoch, Program Director, Family Medicine Teaching Unit.

Medical Students Week is part of the Rural Medicine Week initiative facilitated through the Rural Ontario Medical Program in conjunction with Barrie Area Physician Recruitment. Founded in 1988 by Collingwood physician Dr. Peter Wells, and funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Rural Ontario Medical Program is based out of Collingwood, and functions to provide medical education and physician recruitment and retention support to over 65 communities within south central Ontario.

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Members of the media are invited to attend the half-day learning session at RVH on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m. The medical students and residents will be doing a "casting learning session" in the Ambulance Bay of the RVH's Emergency department.

The education session at Eastview Secondary School is Thursday, June 13 starting at 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium

Barrie Area Physician Recruitment is a task force that was created to bring physicians, hospital leaders, community leaders and municipal leaders of the City of Barrie, the Town of Innisfil, and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, and Springwater together to develop and implement strategies to train, recruit and retain physicians in Barrie and the surrounding areas.

