

Kawartha Lakes Family Doctor Recruitment



A NEW FAMILY DOCTOR FOR THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

City of Kawartha Lakes, February 13, 2023: Kawartha Lakes Health Care Initiative (KLHCI) is pleased to share Kinmount District Health Services Foundation's (KDHSF) announcement that Dr. Lesslie Ponraja will be joining the healthcare team at the Kinmount and District Health Centre (KDHC). Dr. Ponraja comes from England, where he has practised medicine for twenty years, fifteen as a family doctor and five in a hospital.

KDHSF appreciates the assistance of the Kawartha Lakes Health Care Initiative (KLHCI) during the recruitment process. Cindy Snider, KLHCI Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, states "I wish to congratulate the KDHSF for all their hard work on the recruitment of Dr. Ponraja. It has been a pleasure to assist them through the process."

Dr. Mihi, a family doctor at the KDHC since 1999, states "I am extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Lesslie Ponraja to the Kinmount and District Health Centre. With his vast experience and friendly, supportive manner, he is a most welcome addition to the KDHC healthcare team."

Dr. Ponraja, who invites patients to address him as 'Dr. Lesslie', plans to join Dr. Mihi in seeing patients at the KDHC from Monday to Thursday, starting on March 1, 2023.

It is important to note that new patients are not being accepted at this time. Dr. Mihi has been caring for a large number of patients for several years, so initially, she will be sharing her existing practice with Dr. Ponraja while preparing for her retirement and the transfer of her entire patient roster to Dr. Ponraja over the next few months.

The KDHSF and KLHCI express heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mihi for dedicating almost twenty-five years of devoted care to her patients. Dr. Mihi's retirement is a loss for our community, but a well-deserved respite for her. We wish her the very best in the coming years.

The KDHSF would like to thank the community for their invaluable support which makes physician recruitment possible. The KDHSF is continuing its efforts to increase the healthcare team at the KDHC in order to meet the needs of our growing community.

The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation is a registered charity comprised of community volunteers who work to support and expand the healthcare team at the Kinmount and District Health Centre. You are invited to visit www.kdhc.ca for more information about both the KDHSF and the KDHC.

KLHCI is a non-profit, charitable organization whose mandate is to recruit and retain family doctors for the City of Kawartha Lakes. KLHCI is directed through the work of a volunteer Board of Directors that is actively engaged in attracting new Board members from the community. Should you wish to support our efforts of ongoing recruitment and retention of family doctors in this manner, or financially, please contact Cindy Snider, Recruitment & Retention Coordinator at 705-328-6098 or csnider@rmh.org, or visit the KLHCI website at www.kawarthalakesdoctors.org.

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