

Help us welcome our new Family Medicine Residents!

Beginning July 1st, Markham Stouffville Hospital will welcome its first four family medicine residents who will be coming here to continue their medical studies with the hospital's new Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU).

The new residents are trained medical doctors with educational licenses from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO). They are coming to Markham Stouffville Hospital to complete a two year specialization in the area of Family Medicine and are able to write orders, sign for external prescriptions and handle day to day issues for patients. The new residents will be available to take on patients for the two years they are doing their residency. Patients can then move to a new resident, or stay with the doctor if he/she sets up a local practice.

The FMTU, which will be operating out of the Health For All modular clinic, will offer the new residents a global and intercultural educational perspective which is tailored to the specific needs of our residents and local communities.

The FMTU, developed in partnership with the University of Toronto's Department of Family & Community Medicine (DFCM), will see approximately 18 new family medicine residents continue their education at Markham Stouffville Hospital within the next three years.

The new residents will spend three half-days per week seeing patients in the teaching unit, one-half day per week in academic seminars and three days per week on specialty rotations in the hospital.

All of the experiences and knowledge the residents gain during their residencies will help shape and prepare them for practice, while, at the same time, enhance the hospital by bringing the resident's own unique experiences and knowledge to the nurses, physicians and volunteers they will be working with.

Furthermore, the communities of Markham and Stouffville will also benefit as around 60 per cent of new doctors open up their practices in the same area in which they completed their residencies.

If you are looking for a family doctor, you can contact the Health For All clinic at 905-472-2200.

Meet Markham Stouffville Hospital's new Family Medicine Residents

Dr. Winnie Siu



Dr. Winnie Siu is a graduate of McMaster University's Arts and Science Program and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine. She is currently completing her family medicine training as a part of the Community Medicine Residency Program, where she will specialize in international health policy and advocacy.

"This residency program is my top choice for many reasons. I value its large program size and the opportunity to engage in mutual teaching and learning with my fellow residents. I am eager to continue to work with Toronto's many diverse populations, such as immigrants and refugees and make significant, lasting contributions that will extend beyond what I can do for my individual patients."

Dr. Kevin Hopper



Dr. Kevin Hopper grew up in Richmond Hill and received his undergraduate degree from Queen's University. Dr. Hopper completed his study of medicine at the University of Western Ontario. During his training he had the opportunity to take part in two electives at Markham Stouffville Hospital where he enjoyed the diverse patient population and excellent staff.

"As a family physician you are an integral part of the lives and families of your patients. You have the unique privilege of watching children grow and mature, while watching parents become grandparents. Throughout this time you remain a trusted voice that can assist the entire family in good times and in bad. I relish the challenges that a lifetime in Family Medicine will present and I am confident that the unique skills taught at the FMTU will provide the tools to overcome these challenges."

Dr. Yewande Akinfemiwa:



Dr. Yewande Akinfemiwa was 16 when her family left Nigeria and immigrated to Canada. She completed her undergraduate degree at McMaster University in Hamilton, and her medical degree at the University of Toronto. Markham Stouffville Hospital was Yewande's obvious choice as a Family Medicine teaching school, as the FMTU residency program at MSH is centered on global health, which is one of Yewande's career interests. In addition, she is excited about the unique opportunity offered at Markham Stouffville Hospital to explore health issues both locally and internationally. She is also looking forward to the excitement that comes with a brand new residency program and being a part of its growth and expansion.

"The option of an international elective through the U of T will allow me to expand my passion for teaching and experiencing new cultures. This, along with the broad interests held by the U of T which include immigrant

and global health, make this Family Medicine program a very good match for me."

Dr. Crystal Lai



Dr. Crystal Lai did her undergraduate degree at Queen's University and completed her medical degree at the University of Western Ontario. Since she started in medicine, she has been interested in global health as well as in immigrant health. She is happy to have the opportunity to continue to develop her interest at Markham Stouffville Hospital, and is looking forward to learning both from the staff as well as the patients she will meet.

"One of the things I find attractive about family medicine is the opportunity not just to treat a particular health concern or problem, but to follow a patient, and indeed sometimes a family, through their different life stages and address various health matters in different seasons of their lives. I have a special interest in immigrant health and the special challenges it poses."