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Collingwood & Stayner Welcome Medical School Clerks Collingwood, ON

As part of an ongoing partnership in educating students in practicing family medicine, the G&M Hospital (www.cgmh.on.ca), the Rural Ontario Medical Program (www.romponline.com) and area physicians are excited to welcome four clerks (formerly called interns) to our area.

"The Rural Ontario Medical Program is pleased to host the University of Toronto medical students in the following communities of South Central Ontario - Midland, Orangeville, Orillia, Newmarket and in Collingwood. We extend a special welcome to medical students who arrived in Collingwood on March 1st," says Dr. Peter Wells, CCFP and Executive Director, Rural Ontario Medical Program. "It takes a whole community to train a medical student in family medicine. We are grateful for the continued support of the Town of Collingwood, the G&M Hospital, the community and our physicians. We know the students will have a fabulous time based on the previous success of this special program."

All of the students are in third year of medical school and they are eager to work with the family physicians assigned to their 4 week learning period.



(Pictured above L-R) Doug Kavanagh, Ryan Marble, Sylvia Papp and Daniel Rosenfield

Doug Kavanagh will be working with Dr. Mike Lewin and Dr. Geoff Moran in Collingwood. Doug is a Cambridge native and enjoys running, playing tennis, golf, skiing and computers.

Ryan Marble is practicing with Dr. Anthony Rowlinson in Collingwood. He's from Smith Falls and enjoys basketball, soccer and bridge.

Sylvia Papp joins Dr. Leslie Hutchings at her practice in Stayner. She hails from Toronto and enjoys running.

Daniel Rosenfield will be working Dr. Raymond Bouchard in Collingwood. He is also from Toronto and enjoys skiing, biking and Frisbee.

“The rural rotation is an excellent opportunity for students to work and play in a unique area,” says Dr. Leslie Hutchings. “Our communities offer a wide variety of medical experiences that are not available in an urban centre. Students often join local MDs in recreational activities and learn the importance of balance in a busy career.”

Megan Marshall, Undergraduate Program Coordinator with ROMP organized a casual ‘meet and greet’ for our new clerks and provided them with a wide range of area information including events, activities and passes to allow them to fully experience our four season resort communities.

If you see these four young Clerks, please welcome them to our area!

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If you have any questions about this release please contact either Linda Davis, President and CEO, Collingwood G&M Hospital at 444.8601, ext. 8200 or Michelle Hunter, Program Manager, Rural Ontario Medical Program at 445.7667.

Collingwood G&M Hospital (G&M) is a 72-bed hospital located in Collingwood, Ontario (approximately 90 minutes north of Toronto) that serves more than 60,000 permanent residents and 2.5 Million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and the Blue Mountains. The G&M is an acute care hospital providing emergency care, diagnostic services including lab, imaging and cardio respiratory therapy, as well as two inpatient units (medicine and surgery). In addition, the G&M also provides care in speciality areas including obstetrics, orthopaedics, intensive care and surgery. The Hospital also provides out patient care including dialysis and a wide range of clinics including mental health and rehabilitation services. The G&M continues to provide care close to home for our community and plays a key role as an integrated orthopaedic centre for our region. For more information please visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca and our Foundation website at www.cgmhf.com

The **Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP)** is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) and operates as a learner placement program for Ontario's six medical universities. ROMP arranges core and elective rotations for medical trainees across south central Ontario in one-on-one learning situations with physician preceptors. It is ROMP's hope that, through creating "home-grown" physicians, we can help the communities ease the burden caused by the nation-wide physician shortage. As residents graduate and move towards their first practice, ROMP offers guidance and ongoing support to ensure the utmost success in their ventures. For more information, please visit our website at www.romponline.com

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