

## ***PORTAGE MEDICAL FAMILY HEALTH TEAM - IPM-FHTI***

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Composition: 5 members of the Portage Medical Group Family Health Organization, which is a capitation model payment system. (structured in a Partnership Agreement)

- Dr. Brian Bassil [A] - Dr. David Dec [A] - Dr. Alison MacTavish [A]
- Dr. J. Kevin Foster [B] - Dr. Wilson Leung [C]

Location: Temporarily a 3-site Model

[A] 5400 Portage Road Niagara Falls, Ontario

[B] 4256 Portage Road Niagara Falls, Ontario

[C] 6453 Morrison Street Niagara Falls, Ontario

[D] \* actively looking at a 1 or 2-site model in Niagara Falls

Set-up: At present, physicians own/rent individual offices and hire their own staff. They collaborate with a shared on-call rota, 1 in 5; which extends weekdays from 5:00 pm – 8:00 am and weekends from Friday @ 5:00 pm to Monday @ 8:00 am. We use the MOH Telephone Health Advisory Service [THAS] for support. There is also cross-coverage for vacation with each physician allotted 30 working days per year for vacation/CME.

Scope of Work: All physicians run a comprehensive family practice, which includes managing inpatients at the Greater Niagara General Hospital [GNGH]. Drs Dec & MacTavish also do uncomplicated obstetrics, totaling about 50 deliveries/year between them. None of the members do Emergency work. We are all using an Electronic Medical Record, the Apple-based MacMedical.

Family Health Team: Since 2005, the PMG-FHO has been working towards development of a FHT. We are at the initial implementation stage. By fall 2007, we will have hired the majority of our Allied Health Professionals. The goal is to work in a collaborative way to provide better comprehensive care to our patients. We are developing several programs including, chronic disease management, chronic pain clinic, a mental health program and a maternal/child health initiative. There is no direct physician compensation originating from the FHT.

Allied Health Professionals:

- a) 1 Nurse Practitioner
- b) 2 Nurses specifically supporting the FHT
- c) 1 Social Worker
- d) 1 Dietician
- e) Collaboration with a Pharmacist & Psychiatrist
- f) Part-time Chiropracist
- g) Administrative Support

The Portage Medical Group Family Health Organization, is looking to expand to 6 and with the right scenario, possibly to 7 physicians. Preferably we would like to add a physician interested in uncomplicated obstetrics, in order to complement our maternal/child health initiative.