

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
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The Medical Staff of the Kirkland & District Hospital would like to thank the Board of the Hospital and the Community for their support in our effort to provide medical care to Kirkland Lake and the surrounding area.

There are some very exciting changes occurring involving some new faces and some old friends leaving.

The CEO, Hal Fjeldsted, is retiring this summer and will be replaced by a very capable Glenn Scanlan. Mr. Fjeldsted has worked hard for 10 years to fight for health care in the North and has always been very supportive of our hospital and our medical staff. He will be missed.

The Operating Room continues to be led by Dr. Visbal, Dr. Ek and Dr. Rumball. They are very busy keeping wait times for surgery in Kirkland Lake to a minimum. The visiting Surgeons continue to offer services here, including Dr. Zeman, Dr. Sales, Dr. Hares and Dr. Abara. The ENT surgeon Dr. Fenton has retired but we are excited to welcome back Dr. Rob Ballagh, who has made time in his busy practice in Barrie to visit Kirkland Lake on a monthly basis.

Dr. Kenneth Buttoo and Dr. Neil McAlister also continue to provide weekly Internal Medicine consultations and Stress Tests.

Other specialists who make the trip to Kirkland Lake include Dr. Joseph Madden, Pediatrician, Dr. Philippe De Bosset, Rheumatologist, Dr. Hughes Richard, Psychiatrist and Dr. Murray Mitchell, Physiatrist.

The new face in the Emergency Department is our Physician Assistant, Stephane Léveillé who works with Dr. Durocher, Dr. Jordan and myself and the visiting physicians who also work in our Emergency Room.

Welcome additions to the Medical Centre include Dr. Paul Hart, Dr. Leigh Clarke and Physician Assistant Kelly Helmink. Sadly, Dr. Richard Denton has semi-retired as he winds down his long and successful career.

The last thank-you is for H elene Studholme, Physician Recruitment Coordinator, who coordinates visiting doctors who work on the 4th floor of the Hospital, in the Emergency Room and fill in for family doctors when they are away.

The hospital rooms continue to be renovated 2 at a time with money raised from the community, and there are ongoing efforts at physician recruitment with some very promising prospects.

As the town's economy is looking brighter, so too is our local medical community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Spiller, Chief of Staff
Kirkland & District Hospital