

RVH Family Medicine Teaching Unit

Starting in July, 2009, Royal Victoria Hospital (Barrie) will be the site of a "Family Medicine Teaching Unit" (FMTU). The FMTU is a partnership between Royal Victoria Hospital, the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine, and the Barrie Community Family Health Team (BCFHT).

First and second year medical resident physicians, specializing in family medicine, will receive their final medical training in a hospital and community environment. In addition to this training, each resident will manage their own practice of patients, under the supervision of experienced Barrie family doctors, in the FMTU clinic, located adjacent to RVH.

We are presently accepting applications for patients who wish to be under the care of a medical resident physician. A limited number of spaces are available. Priority will be given to those without a local family physician.

What you need to know about being a patient at the FMTU

- A **medical resident physician** is a doctor who has received a medical degree and who practices medicine under the supervision of fully licensed physicians, usually in a hospital or clinic. Successful completion of residency training is a requirement to practice medicine in Canada.
 - You will be cared for by a resident physician supervised by an experienced family doctor. Please note – you will NOT become part of the supervising physician's practice.
 - The clinic is a "teaching unit" and care will be provided in a teaching environment.
 - Care will begin **after July 1, 2009** – not before.
 - Resident physicians are assigned to the Barrie FMTU for a period of two years. Some physicians may choose to stay in Barrie once their training is complete. If, however, they decide to leave the area, you will continue to be a patient of the FMTU and be transferred to a new resident.
 - Resident physicians will care for patients with a variety of chronic and acute illnesses.
 - Resident physicians will see patients by appointment, three half days a week.
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If you are in need of a local family doctor, you can get the application form by doing one of the following:

1. Go to: www.barriedoctors.ca Click on the link "Teaching Unit" and complete the prospective patient application form.
2. Go to: www.rvh.on.ca Click on the link for Barrie & Area Physician Recruitment Task Force and complete the prospective patient application form
3. Pick up an application at Barrie MP, Patrick Brown's office at 299 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 302, Barrie, ON L4N 7Y9 Tel: 705-726-5959

Once completed, the application form is mailed to **Barrie Family Teaching Unit, PO Box 130, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4S9**. Due to the anticipated high volume of applicants, and the limited spaces available, applicants will be contacted by a representative of the FMTU if an intake interview is to be arranged.