## Pembroke Regional Hospital Welcomes Increased Number of Medical Learners, Boosting Potential For Future Recruitment

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At any given time, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is the proud host to a number of learners in various disciplines, on average, over 300 per year. This includes a significant number of medical learners who are supported by the hospital's health care team and may well become members of the hospital's professional staff in the future.

"Our commitment to education and training is unwavering," said PRH President and CEO Sabine Mersmann. "By supporting these learners, we are investing in the future of health care and that is really exciting. We not only welcome them in to our hospital, but to our broader community as well and we take the time to showcase the lifestyle that our region has to offer."

Mrs. Mersmann added that the dedication and passion of these individuals is truly inspiring, and it's exciting to see them thrive as part of our health care team.

Currently, in addition to those learners who are in nursing or supporting other hospital services, those hosted by the Pembroke Regional Hospital include:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Medical students from the University of Ottawa in the specialties of General Surgery, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Family Medicine
- General Surgery and Family Medicine Residents who are in their last two years of training
- International medical students
- Midwives and Physician Assistants

In total, for the upcoming academic year, 191 medical learners will call PRH home for a period ranging from a single day to two-year placements. This number has been gradually increasing over the last several years, with an expectation of further growth in the years ahead.

Mrs. Mersmann expressed her gratitude to the staff and physicians who are doing a tremendous amount of work in order to support and accommodate the increased numbers. She said that they do so knowing how important and valuable it is to invest in these individuals and their educational journey.

For the hospital, the learners' presence is also a great value added given their fresh perspectives and eagerness to learn. "This not only enhances the quality of care we provide but it also helps to foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation. By integrating learners into our health care team, we ensure that our patients benefit from the latest advancements in medical knowledge and practice while we help shape those who will care for our residents in the years to come."

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