## Pembroke Regional Hospital Welcomes Third Obstetrician/Gynaecologist

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PEMBROKE - The Pembroke Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Kayode Fadare has been added to the professional staff as the hospital's third obstetrician/ gynaecologist, joining Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee and Dr. Sarah Leavey. With approximately 700 births per year, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is the regional hub for maternity care in Renfrew County.

Dr. Fadare, who has been seeing patients in Pembroke since mid-January and has practiced obstetrics on three continents, comes to the region from North Battleford Saskatchewan where he spent the last seven years as Team Lead in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

"Dr. Fadare is a welcome addition to our team and, along with his skills as an obstetrician, brings additional skills and expertise in minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures and colposcopy, which is an integral part of the cervical screening process," said Dr. Mukherjee, Chief of Obstetrics at PRH.

Describing him as an excellent surgeon, Dr. Mukherjee said that Dr. Fadare's arrival will help take the pressure off the rest of the team as they respond to an increased demand for obstetrical and gynaecological services in the community and as they start the recruitment process for a fourth obstetrician/gynaecologist.

Born and raised in Nigeria, Dr. Fadare was drawn to the medical field after the death of his mother which occurred while he was in university. Hoping to help others by studying medicine, Dr. Fadare was initially interested in the field of psychiatry. However, during a compulsory year of study in his homeland, he met an Irish nun who worked as an obstetrician/gynaecologist and had spent 40 years in Nigeria helping women.

"She treated me like a son and taught me her specialty and I saw this as my opportunity to help women," Dr. Fadare said.

After earning Bachelor's degrees in medicine and surgery and a diploma in obstetrics and women's health, Dr. Fadare moved to Ireland for his residency, the home of his mentor and a place he recognized as one of the best to learn skills in obstetrics.

"One of the locations where I studied had 10,000 births annually. There I was given the opportunity to polish all of my skills and I became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in 2009," Dr. Fadare said. He subsequently became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in 2014.

Dr. Fadare met and married his wife Arinola (Ari) while she was studying for her postgraduate degree in Bath, United Kingdom. Together they have three children, two boys and a girl.

He said his family's move to Ontario was prompted in part by their desire to reduce travel time when visiting relatives in Nigeria each year. Pembroke was a great location and fit their desire to live in a smaller community with proximity to a larger centre.

Since settling into the community, Dr. Fadare said that he and his family have received a very warm welcome and that he, in turn, is happy to be able to be part of a team providing such an important service to women in the community.

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