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Shortage has eased but...  
**Town unable to land any doctors so far in 2005**

Angela Sugden-Praysner appears to be winning the battle of the doctors but the war is far from over.

The co-ordinator of Halton's Physician Recruitment Program has been waging her brand of warfare armed with an arsenal that includes cellphones, fax machines, e-mails, pamphlets and a healthy dose of enthusiasm and energy when tracking down and talking to potential doctors for the region.

She is the point person and intermediary who collaborates with town and city employees, hospital staff, local physicians and community members —through the Halton Physician Recruitment and Retention Advisory Committee— and also connects with potential physician recruits.

The region's health department began its recruiting initiative in June 2002. The goal is to convince general practitioners, particularly new ones, to come to Halton by selling them on the advantages of the region— and in some cases making them aware of potential provincial financial incentives.

Since 2003 46 new doctors have set up practices in Halton, but those gains are countered in part by an increase in population and the retirement of older, experienced GPs. Of those that have opened practices in the region, 12 have come to Halton Hills.

As of September of last year Halton Hills is six doctors short of the 35 family physicians the Ministry of Health says the town needs to be fully serviced.

Sugden-Praysner said in 2004 20 new family physicians opened practices in Halton, four of them in Georgetown and one in Acton who is a temporary replacement for a doctor on sick leave.

So far in 2005, 11 new family doctors have opened practices in Halton, but Halton Hills has not fared very well so far this year.

"Unfortunately there isn't anybody that's signed or is about to sign for Halton Hills," said Sugden-Praysner. And the situation in Acton, which currently has three full-time family doctors and a fourth who does some housecalls, is most critical.

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## It's an icky job, but someone has to do it

Seven-year-old Cayley Meurer, of Georgetown, discovered that, while pumpkin carving can be fun, removing all the goo from inside the gourd can be just as entertaining. Cayley, and other children were enjoying the annual Falling Leaves festival at the Willow Park Ecology Centre Saturday.

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