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TEAM EFFORT: Joe Zhou teamed up with his son, Kevin, 8, piggyback style as the pair took part in Sunday's 26th annual Terry Fox Run at E.C. Drury High School. See more photos from the event on page A4.

Walk-in clinic opening

By Melanie Hennessey
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October 20 will be a day that brings good news on Milton's health care front.

That's when a walk-in clinic that'll operate almost 12 hours a day will open on Bronte Street, helping take the load off Milton District Hospital's emergency department.

"This is big news," remarked Halton Physician Recruitment Co-ordinator Angela Sugden-Praysner, pointing out it's the first daytime clinic in town. "There's definitely a need in Milton."

The initiative, called the Milton Urgent Care Clinic and Family Practice, will be headed up by two full-time doctors — Dr. Mustafa Kamouna and Dr. Ziad Al-Qaseer — and four part-time.

"It's going to be staffed by local family and emergency physicians," said Dr. Kamouna.

In addition to medical problems typical after-hours clinics deal with, Dr. Kamouna said the new clinic will also be able to handle minor fractures, breaks and lacerations.

And given the rapid growth in Milton, he said he expects 80 to 100 patients will come to the clinic and

Doctor on way

Another new family physician has signed on to set up shop in Milton.

Starting November 1, Dr. Ugo Dag-Ellams will begin practising at the Kelso Lake Medical Clinic, said Halton Physician Recruitment Co-ordinator Angela Sugden-Praysner.

Dr. Dag-Ellams received her training in Germany and at the University of Western Ontario.

Two more female family doctors have also confirmed they'll come to town early next year. They're both recent graduates, one from the University of Toronto and the other the University of Western Ontario.

Those in need of a family doctor can call Dr. Dag-Ellams at (905) 876-1011.

practice every day.

"There's a demand and need for this," he noted.

He explained the idea — part of the local Family Health Group initiative — has been in the works for some time, but it took awhile to seek an appropriate location.

Since the clinic will be in the medical building portion of the Bronte Corporate Centre, just north of the corner of Bronte Street and Derry Road, Dr. Kamouna highlighted the fact that it's within one minute of the hospital.

Another benefit of the new location, Dr. Kamouna said, is that it'll have a lab and pharmacy on-site, along with many other physicians, including a surgeon, obstetrician, urologist and pediatrician.

"It'll provide one-stop shopping for people," he noted.

The clinic, at 400 Bronte St. S., suite 103, will operate from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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