

# Doctors' exit 'little glitch'

Patients of Markham Family Physicians may have difficulty seeing a doctor over the summer.

But the clinic's level of care should be back to normal by fall.

"Over the summer, we can only really do 'bare bones,'" said Dr. Sue MacLean, one of two doctors leaving the centre that provides care to more than 35,000 patients.

Another physician left last year.

Dr. MacLean is taking a job as senior medical advisor with Canada Health Infoway, a federal agency with head offices in Toronto and Montreal that is focused on improving and accelerating an electronic system for maintaining patient records.

"We (Markham Family Physicians) are really a pioneer in this area. We have partnered with the hospital, so all our patient information is linked to the hospital. And also we have partnered with MDS Labs," Dr. MacLean said.

"With the agency, we will be doing a lot of national and international travel, looking at different models around the world to see if they are appli-

cable to Canada."

Dr. Heather Currie is leaving the clinic to work exclusively in geriatrics. She will be working in nursing homes and with the hospital's continuing care unit, as well as providing specialized training in care of the elderly.

"For us, it was a difficult decision. It is our 20th anniversary with Markham Family Physicians," Dr. MacLean said.

Dr. Irving Siegel left the clinic last year to work with a pharmaceutical company.

A doctor was hired at that time to replace him.

By fall, three new physicians will join the clinic, bringing the total number of doctors at the centre to 14, one more than now.

However, some will work part time.

"With us leaving, it does impact a lot of patients. But this is just a little glitch," Dr. MacLean said.

"Our partners are still working hard to recruit on an ongoing basis more physicians because we know the community needs them."

— Lisa Queen

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