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Deep River Physician Recruiters Active at Ontario Medical Schools

Deep River, ON, October 19, 2009- Representatives from both the North Renfrew Family Health Team and the Deep River and District Hospital were active participants in a recent recruitment tour involving medical schools in Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, London and Toronto – and have plans to participate in a similar show in Sudbury in early November. The Professional Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario (PAIRO) hosts an annual opportunity for representatives of more than 90 under-serviced communities in Ontario to have direct interpersonal contact with physicians completing final family medicine practice requirements in each of these universities.

“It has been several years since our communities were represented at all Ontario medical schools, and while the one-week trip is exhausting, there is no better opportunity to have direct face-to-face conversation with so many soon-to-be-practicing family physicians” commented Larry Schruder, Hospital CEO.

“A significant number of the physicians that we met are graduates of basic medical schools in other countries, and as a condition of their acceptance into these residency programs, they have a 5-year return-of-service obligation to an under-serviced area of the province. And many of these doctors have spousal employment needs in engineering or science fields, so we are uniquely positioned as a small rural community with access to these types of positions with AECL”, continued Schruder.

The recruitment team returned with personal contact information on 25-30 new family physicians scheduled to start practicing family medicine within 12 months. Effort will now be focused on securing site visits for several of these candidates to assess lifestyle and practice opportunities in our community.