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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. ROGER DRAKE & WELCOME TO DR. ANTHONY CARAGIANIS

For more than 30 years, family physician Dr. Roger Drake has been caring for patients in Carleton Place – and he isn't done quite yet. Over the past few months, Dr. Drake has been transitioning his practice to colleague Dr. Anthony Caragianis, ensuring his more than 1,100 patients are in good hands.

"It was very important to me that my patients weren't left scrambling to find a new doctor," explains Dr. Drake. "I wanted to find someone who was well recommended, trained locally and committed. And I have. Dr. Caragianis is an outstanding asset to this community."

Dr. Drake began his career in the military as a flight surgeon and settled into family medicine while working in Cold Lake, Alberta. Family medicine for military families (included obstetrics) were added to his military duties and aviation medicine. "I've had fairly significant shifts in my career, but I like the appeal of being in a small town. The doctors in Carleton Place are great and are providing quality care. Dr. Caragianis is a good fit."

Dr. Caragianis was born and raised in Ottawa and went to medical school in Dublin, Ireland. He did his family residency in Ottawa, including a family practice residency placement in Carleton Place with Dr. Gillian Buckley. He has also completed a fellowship in sports medicine.

He says he is excited to be back in Carleton Place. "I enjoyed my time here and this is an amazing opportunity to connect and learn from Dr. Drake. In fact, I'm trying to soak up all his knowledge before he leaves! I know I have big shoes to fill. He has cared for three generations of families and watched them grow up. I am honoured to be part of this."

The good news is that Dr. Drake will be working part-time with Dr. Caragianis for a little longer, introducing him to the patients and making sure they are comfortable. He will also continue his work in two long-term care homes, at Almonte General Hospital's Rosamond Unit, and helping his patients in local retirement homes. "There is a void that needs to be filled and we are all recognizing that we need to do a better job caring for the elderly," he says. "I've always enjoyed this work."

Congratulations Dr. Drake and welcome Dr. Caragianis!



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