

# There's a New Doctor in Town

Dr. Maria Bastin-Millar is no stranger to the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH). She spent time here during several rotations in medical school. Now she is back as Carleton Place's newest family physician - and a welcome new member of the CPDMH team.

"On my second day as a medical student at CPDMH, I knew my dream job was in Carleton Place," she remembers. "I find the feel of rural medicine and the patient interactions so much more rewarding. You can be involved in the community and get to know patients and their families. It just doesn't feel as rushed."

Now Dr. Bastin-Millar says she is here for good and has taken over Dr. David Lenny's practice at the Centennial Medical Centre following his retirement. "I have big shoes to fill after Dr. Lenny's 38 years of practice. He has cared for generations of families and has been here for his patients from new beginnings with infants to end of life care for the elderly. It's a real privilege to work in medicine and be part of all of these life transitions."

In fact, Dr. Bastin-Millar says it is the idea of putting down roots that really appeals to her. "When my husband and I were looking at having our own family, we knew we wanted to find a place where we would settle. I'm overjoyed to be part of this community." Dr. Bastin-Millar, her husband Matt and their son Judah are just about to move into their new home in Beckwith.

In addition to her general practice, Dr. Bastin-Millar has particular interests in geriatrics, addictions and psychiatry. "I'm really looking forward to meeting our patients. I'm thrilled to be here."

