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## Physicians and health centre work together to provide care in time of need

A group of physicians are coming together to provide care for patients who recently lost their local doctor. Their work is being supported by West Parry Sound Health Centre through establishment of a temporary non-urgent care clinic to serve the health care needs of vulnerable patients who are currently without a local doctor.

The first scheduled clinic will be held on Thursday 28 December between the hours of 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. Based on the availability of participating physicians, the temporary clinic is scheduled to operate on Mondays and Fridays in two separate four-hour shifts. It is hoped that the clinic can remain in place until alternate arrangements for 'non-rostered' patients can be made.

Patients needing to access the clinic will come in through the Emergency Department where they will be registered and then directed to the clinic location within the hospital.

"Our medical community is extending near the limit of its capacity," said WPSHC CEO Donald Sanderson. "Working together to carry additional work shows a deep commitment to patients and families who are in need of medical support. I am proud of this response created by our physicians, and the support we've been able to provide from nursing, clinical support staff, and leaders at WPSHC."

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