

## **Pembroke Regional Hospital Announces New Chief of Staff**

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The Pembroke Regional Hospital's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Declan Rowan as the new Chief of Staff, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Rowan will succeed Dr. Tom Hurley, who has served with distinction in this role for the past nine years.

Dr. Rowan brings over 30 years of clinical and leadership experience to PRH. He completed his medical education at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and has held several senior positions across the region, including Chief of Hospitalist Medicine at PRH, Regional Primary Care Lead for Cancer Care Ontario, and Co-Chair of the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team Steering Committee. He recently announced his retirement as Family Physician at the Pembroke Family Medicine Teaching Unit.

A resident of the Upper Ottawa Valley since 2006 and a father of five, Dr. Rowan is passionate about collaborative leadership, strategic system improvement, and ensuring access to high-quality, patient-centred care in his community.

"It's a privilege to take on the role of Chief of Staff at Pembroke Regional Hospital. I'm inspired by the commitment of our medical staff and care teams, and I look forward to supporting a culture of collaboration, innovation, and excellence as we work together to meet the evolving needs of our community," said Dr. Rowan.

Pembroke Regional Hospital Board Chair Dean Sauriol said he is thrilled to welcome Dr. Rowan as the hospital's new Chief of Staff. "His extensive experience and vision for the hospital align perfectly with our mission and our goals. We are confident that under his leadership, PRH will continue to thrive and provide exceptional care to our community."

PRH President and CEO Sabine Mersmann also expressed her enthusiasm for the new appointment. "Dr. Rowan is a great leader and will be an integral part of our leadership dyad. His dedication to patient-centred care and collaborative approach will undoubtedly drive our mission forward. We are excited to see the positive changes he will bring to our hospital."

Extending a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Hurley for his incredible leadership and contributions over the past nine years, Mrs. Mersmann said his commitment to excellence and dedication to Pembroke Regional Hospital has set a strong foundation for the future.

Dr. Hurley said serving as Chief of Staff for nearly a decade has been an honour. "I am proud of the progress we have made together and, as I step aside, I do so with sincere gratitude and confidence in the future. Dr. Rowan is a caring and competent physician and a natural leader. His past achievements have already earned him the respect of the professional staff, and I look forward to seeing his impact."

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