

Town of Pelham Says “Thanks” to Doctors on Doctors’ Day

Did you know that every day, more than 320,000 patients across the province are treated and cared for by a doctor? Whether it's in a hospital, a long-term care home, a clinic or at home, Ontario's doctors are making a positive difference in the lives of patients by providing high-quality care when it's most needed.

To recognize Ontario's 26,000+ practicing physicians, the [Ontario Medical Association](#) (OMA) is once again celebrating its annual Doctors' Day campaign starting on May 1st. The Town of Pelham is proud to say “thanks” to the many doctors who help serve our families and community.

“As the Town works to increase the availability of family doctors and allied professionals in Pelham, it's very important to acknowledge and thank local doctors for their exceptional care and service to our community,” said Mayor Dave Augustyn.

You too can participate by submitting a personalized thank-you message to your doctor through [ontariosdoctors.com](#) or by tweeting #ThanksDoc during the month of May.

Fast Facts about Ontario Doctors

- Number of practising physicians in Ontario: approximately 26,000
- Number of specialists: 14,100
- Number of general practitioners: 12,300
- Number of speciality areas of medicine: 37 ranging from medical oncology to public health
- Number of first year students enrolled in medical school in Ontario: 1,000
- Average number of years to complete medical education: 8-12 years, plus ongoing, mandatory continuing professional development courses
- Ontario's doctors treat approximately 320,000 patients each day and approximately 5.9 million in the emergency department each year.
- Average hours of work: 55 hours/week
- Each physician's office (through overhead) contributes the equivalent of 4 full-time jobs in their community, generates \$205,000 in GDP, and generates \$50,000 in tax revenue for the municipal, provincial and federal governments.

May 1st was recognized by the provincial government in 2011 as the official day of appreciation for Ontario's medical profession. The date was chosen to mark the birthday of Canada's first female physician, Dr. Emily Stowe. To learn more about Doctors' Day, contact the OMA at media@oma.org.

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