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### ***South East LHIN, Primary Care Lead Dr. Jonathan Kerr acknowledged for his contribution to the College of Family Physicians of Canada***

**Toronto, Ontario (November 16, 2012)**

Today Dr. Jonathan Kerr, Primary Care lead for the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) was recognized for his contribution to the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) as Chair of the First Five Years in Family Practice Committee.

Through the leadership of Dr. Kerr, the CFPC started an initiative in 2010 to address the needs of family physicians in the early part of their career. New family physicians from each region in Canada were recruited to sit on the First Five Years in Family Practice Committee, which Dr. Kerr has chaired every since.

This group meets regularly to focus on areas that are important to new family physicians and their patients. A needs assessment survey was conducted in 2010, and new family physicians' clearly wanted more assistance with practice management.

A new First Five Years in Family Practice [webpage](#) was created soon thereafter, with links to various practice management resources. Province-specific resources were also collected, and were added earlier this year.

The SE LHIN extends its' warm congratulations to Dr. Kerr on his accomplishment and his continued contribution to the First Five Years in Family Practice Committee and within the South East region.

Dr. Kerr is the acting primary care lead for the Primary Health Care Council of Southeastern Ontario that meets quarterly to discuss ways to improve communication, integration, and quality of care in the South East LHIN.

**Quote:**

“Supporting new family physicians across Canada coincides nicely with the work I have been doing in the South East LHIN as the Primary Care Lead. By encouraging family physicians to become more engaged in the health care system and collaborate with their colleagues, we will see even more improvements in patient care.”

- Dr. Jonathan Kerr

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