



Labrador-Grenfell
Health

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Labrador-Grenfell Health Statement – Dr. Ikechukwu (Steven) Madu

Labrador-Grenfell Health is informing patients in the Labrador West area of the return to active practice of Dr. Ikechukwu (Steven) Madu, effective today, March 19, 2018. The Health Authority has confidence in the obstetrical and gynecological services that are provided at the Labrador West Health Centre, Labrador City. Since early January, Labrador-Grenfell Health has been reviewing and responding to a number of questions and concerns that have been raised in the community about the quality of such services.

Complaints contained in the Adjudication Tribunal Decision of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador (CPSNL) were filed while Dr. Madu was practicing with another Regional Health Authority in 2014. The Tribunal Decision suspended Dr. Madu's license for a period of three months and ordered that he complete a continuing education course addressing ethical conduct and informed consent. These have now all been completed, including the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) exams in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Royal College oversees postgraduate specialist medical education and sets the highest standards of practice for specialists in Canada. In order to be eligible to write an exam to be certified as a specialist, a physician's credentials must be assessed by a designated specialty committee of the RCPSC. Achieving certification with the RCPSC is not mandatory to practice as a specialist in Newfoundland in Labrador, but is considered the "gold standard" and supports eligibility for full licensure with the CPSNL. All obstetricians and gynecologists in Newfoundland and Labrador maintain high-quality and safe practices, but many never achieve this standard.

Labrador-Grenfell Health has a mandate to deliver a range of medical services, including obstetrical and gynecological services, and works closely with the CPSNL. Labrador-Grenfell Health wishes to make it clear that the Health Authority has confidence in Dr. Madu's clinical practice during the time he has practiced at the Labrador West Health Centre. Furthermore, the medical staff in Labrador West are unanimous in their support of having Dr. Madu continue in his practice as their consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist.

Labrador-Grenfell Health is committed to providing the highest quality health and community services. Individuals who have questions or concerns about any service or program are encouraged to contact the Health Authority. Any specific concerns about ongoing or new obstetrical or gynecological care should be shared by that patient directly with their Family Physician, and a care plan will be developed in consultation with the appropriate individuals.

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