



## Labrador-Grenfell Health

---

***For Immediate Release***

Feb. 8, 2017

### **Labrador-Grenfell Health Appoints Vice-President of Medical Services**

**(Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL):** Labrador-Grenfell Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gabe Woollam, MD, CCFP, as the Vice-President of Medical Services.

Dr. Woollam is a practicing physician at the Labrador Health Centre, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and has served as Chief of Medical Staff for the Labrador Health Centre since 2010. Since joining Labrador-Grenfell Health in 2008, Dr. Woollam has also had extensive involvement in training medical students and Family Medicine residents through the Northern Family Medicine (NORFAM) program in association with the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University.

“My eight years of practice in Labrador have given me an appreciation for the unique challenges in providing care to a diverse and geographically remote population,” said Dr. Woollam. “During my time as Chief of Staff at the Labrador Health Centre, I have worked to maintain an environment which attracts and retains physicians, which I hope has made positive impacts to patient care. I am looking forward to taking on new challenges in overseeing the provision of medical services throughout the Labrador-Grenfell Health region.”

Dr. Woollam is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at Memorial University and has served in various capacities with several organizations, including the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada. He is a recipient of several awards, including the Award of Excellence from the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and the Gus Rowe Clinical Teaching Award from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Dr. Woollam succeeds Dr. Michael Jong, who retired last month as Vice-President of Medical Services. During a 35-year distinguished career as a physician, educator, administrator, mentor and researcher in Labrador, Dr. Jong contributed greatly to the development and enhancement of medical services in the Labrador-Grenfell Health region.

Tony Wakeham, President and Chief Executive Officer, Labrador-Grenfell Health, welcomed Dr. Woollam to the Executive Team and said his experience and professional background will be assets in positioning the Regional Health Authority to adapt to changes and challenges in the healthcare sector. Mr. Wakeham also described Dr. Jong as a dedicated, hard-working, knowledgeable and exemplary individual whose tireless work went beyond medicine and

influenced every facet of the health service throughout Northern Newfoundland and Labrador. "We extend best wishes to Dr. Jong as he takes on other tasks and embraces other challenges in the health care sector. He has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on health care services in the region and is held in high regard by his patients and for the relationships he forged with Aboriginal groups and healthcare providers far and wide."

- 30 -

*Caption for photo: Dr. Gabe Woollam (left) is succeeding Dr. Michael Jong as Vice-President of Medical Services of Labrador-Grenfell Health.*

**Media Contact:**

**Allan Bock**, Regional Director of Communications  
Labrador-Grenfell Health  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL  
Phone: (709) 897-2351, Cell: (709) 899-1568  
E-mail [allan.bock@lghealth.ca](mailto:allan.bock@lghealth.ca)