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NEW FAMILY MEDICINE/ WALK-IN CLINIC OPENS DOWNTOWN

Kingston, ON: The Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) and the City of Kingston are pleased to congratulate Dr. Chris Kozanitis on the opening of his new Family Medicine/ Walk-In Clinic, CDK Family Medicine.

On June 1, 2010, Dr. Kozanitis will be opening his practice in downtown Kingston. Located at 175 Princess Street, the Clinic's intended hours of operation will be from 7am to 7pm, 7 days per week.

Originally from Surrey, British Columbia, Dr. Kozanitis moved to Kingston where he attained his Medical Degree at Queen's University. In 2008, after completing his two-year Family Medicine Residency at the University of Toronto, Dr. Kozanitis returned to Kingston to work a locum at Queen's Student Health as a non-permanent physician. Family ties as well as a passion for the city were factors which influenced his decision to establish a practice locally. Dr. Kozanitis' spouse, Dr. Ziny Yen, has also signed an agreement with the City of Kingston and intends to join the practice in July 2011, once she has completed her Family Medicine Residency at Queen's University.

"Besides the clear need for more family doctors in Kingston, I saw a specific need for a walk-in clinic in downtown Kingston," says Dr. Kozanitis. "Given the only walk-in clinics currently are located in the west-end, many people misuse hospital emergency departments as walk-in clinics. In addition to being a full service family medicine clinic which will enroll patients, CDK Family Medicine will also run a parallel walk-in clinic which will be open to everyone. I believe this model is somewhat unique in Kingston and will help to alleviate the aforementioned situation."

Dr. Kozanitis anticipates enrolling approximately 2,000 patients from the Health Care Connect (HCC) Waiting List. Persons in need of a Family Physician are encouraged to enroll with HCC by calling 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://hcc3.hcc.moh.gov.on.ca/HCCWeb/pages/HCCRegisterSplashPage.faces> .

"We are very excited for the opening of Dr. Kozanitis' Clinic," says Teri Jones, Family Physician Recruitment and Retention Coordinator with KEDCO. "It is a rare occasion these days for young physicians to venture into opening their own practice. Not only will Dr. Kozanitis be enrolling 2,000 patients and reducing the number of orphaned patients in Kingston, he will be expanding the city's walk-in clinic options, lessening the burden on our Emergency Rooms and creating a practice location for three other newly graduated physicians."

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Dr. Kozanitis is the eighth doctor enrolled this year with the City of Kingston Family Physician Recruitment Support Program. To date, the program which was put in place in 2008 has entered into contracts with 22 physicians who have or will be starting their local practices over the next three years. "It is so important to not only be recruiting to meet today's needs, but also to address natural attrition levels and the future health care needs of the community. The program put in place by the City has been invaluable in keeping Kingston top of mind for doctors considering the city," says Jones.

KEDCO oversees the Family Physician Recruitment and Retention portfolio on behalf of the City of Kingston. For more information on Family Physician Recruitment and Retention for the City of Kingston, please visit <http://livework.kingstoncanada.com> .

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