

GRAND ROUNDS

Welcome Dr. Varrin!

It is officially a full house at the RVH Professional Building.

Dr. Angela Varrin has taken the final vacant doctor's office space and brings the total to nine family doctors under one roof.

"I told my husband that it feels like I'm getting married all over again because this is the beginning of a committed relationship—I'll be seeing many of these people for many years to come," she explains.

Dr. Varrin has been shadowing doctors Radke and Collins in their family practices in recent months once she completed her final year of studies with a fellowship in emergency medicine. She spent a couple of months in Moose Factory, Ontario, then at emergency and ICU departments in a number of different hospitals.

The Griffith native is thrilled to finally settle down in Renfrew and began meeting new patients in early October and has been doing rotations in our emergency department since July.

"The emergency room nurses here are amazing—this community is very, very lucky," she says about looking forward to working more with the medical team at the hospital. "They remember everything about these people, it's incredible. They really care about the patients and that is an amazing thing to see when you come to work."

The other recent additions to the Professional Building—Dr. Bodig, Dr. Pinard and Dr. Arcand—have been offering their advice and words of encouragement in preparation of Dr. Varrin's first few weeks in her clinic. Her colleagues have been very

helpful by offering suggestions on how to manage feeling overwhelmed at the beginning, and adjusting to the new routine, relays Dr. Varrin.

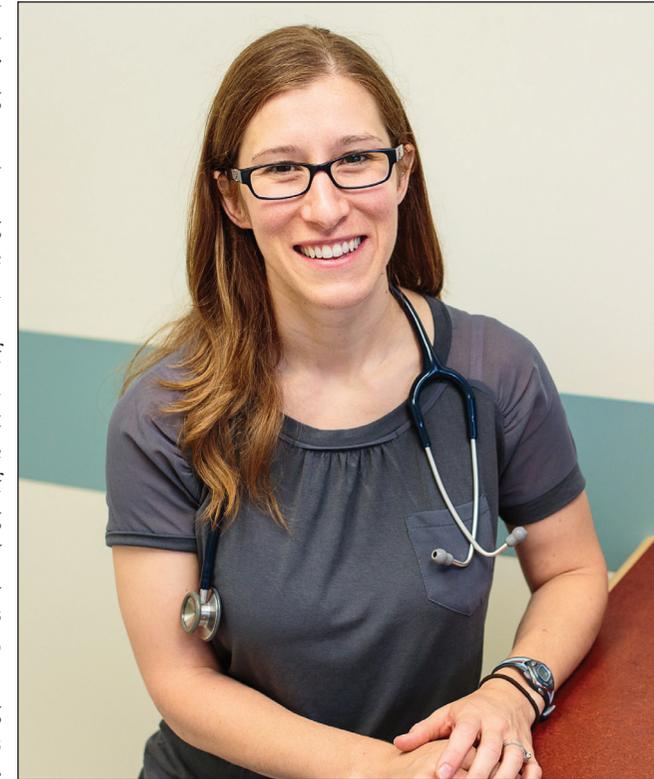
"On behalf of the physicians at RVH it is with excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome Dr. Varrin to our community," comments Chief of Staff, Dr. Steve Radke. "She brings valuable skills and expertise in family and emergency medicine to our health care team. Working with her through her training she has demonstrated professionalism and commitment to providing patient-centred care of the highest standard to each and every patient she sees."

The newest member of the RVH family shares in the excitement and can't wait to meet and help care for her patients—many of whom have been waiting many months for a family physician, "it has been a long time coming and it is hard to believe the time to start is finally here."

New patients are being seen on a priority basis from the Health Care Connect database; "Some

cases are quite complicated and these individuals require immediate attention which is extremely important in terms of their continuity of care."

To be placed on the waiting list for a family doctor, you must register with Health Care Connect by contacting them at 1-800-445-1822.



Dr. Angela Varrin has joined the RVH team this month.