

GRAND ROUNDS

Hospital culture and community spirit inspires Chief of Staff

From day one, Dr. Steve Radke has known there is no other place like RVH.

Fresh out of medical school, he chose RVH nearly a decade ago because he was impressed with the people, the culture of care, and collegiality between the staff and administration.

“Renfrew went to the top of my radar,” he states.

The friendly, welcoming atmosphere in the halls of the hospital and support from senior physicians and administration is not something he had experienced anywhere else.

“Everyone was very genuine. I was treated as an equal colleague right away—there was something very inspiring about being here.”

Those attractive qualities have kept him in Renfrew and now he is proud to be a part of the growth and evolution of RVH as the Chief of Staff.

“I wanted to be involved on a broader level and help design the programs and health services to better serve

our community,” he shares. “It is important to continue the tradition of good quality care, but we always have to be looking at ways to improve the way we do things.”

He says the role is “challenging in a good way” and feels fortunate that the Board and Senior Administration work so well together and share the same progressive foresight for the health care needs of our area.

“On some levels we already are as good as or better than the leading hospitals in the province. I want to have other organizations look to us for leadership and guidance.”

Dr. Radke is also committed to supporting the RVH Foundation through serving on the committee for the annual Caring for Tomorrow Charity Golf Tournament.

After seven years, he’s still astounded by the response from local businesses.

“We always receive a groundswell of support from the community. It’s very motivating and makes us want to work harder to better the care we can provide for our patients.”



RVH Chief of Staff Dr. Steve Radke.