



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### **Website to assist residents who do not have a Family Physician**

NIAGARA REGION, April 24, 2009 - The Physician Recruitment Program of Niagara has launched a new search function on [www.niagaradocs.ca](http://www.niagaradocs.ca) where residents of Niagara can search for a family physician in their community, or a nearby one, if they do not have one.

If a person cannot find a doctor accepting patients they will also be able to register themselves and their family members to a database. It is important to note that the decision to accept patients is solely at the discretion of the doctor.

"This database will serve as a valuable tool in providing residents with immediate, easy access to information in a user-friendly manner," stated Josie Faccini, family physician recruiter. This addition to our website is an attempt to align physicians and patients with each other. The database will be updated on a regular basis.

The Niagara Physician Recruitment Program has been in operation since June 2001. The program is responsible for marketing Niagara region to prospective family physicians who are interested in setting up a family practice or joining group practices.

The program expects to recruit an additional 10-15 family physicians to Niagara in 2009.

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