## Pembroke Regional Hospital Welcomes Urologist Dr. Anis Aziz

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PEMBROKE - The Pembroke Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Anis Aziz has joined the hospital's medical staff as lead of the Urology program and taken over the practice of Dr. Jeremy Setterfield who left PRH this summer for family-related reasons.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Aziz to our team," said Chief of Surgery Dr. Colleen Haney. "He has an excellent skill set and a wealth of experience in urology from his previous practice in Sault Ste. Marie. He is also bow hunter which makes me optimistic that the Ottawa Valley will be an excellent fit for him!"

Urology is the branch of medicine that focuses on surgical and medical diseases of the male and female urinary-tract systems and the male reproductive organs.

Dr. Aziz, who began work at PRH in mid-July, comes to us from Sault Ste. Marie where he had a large urology practice since 2010.

Originally from Laval, Quebec, Dr. Aziz obtained his medical degree at The University of Montreal in 2004 and completed his Urology specialty at the University of Laval in 2010. His training involved Uro-Oncology, Laparoscopic Surgery and Endourology.

While a career path to medicine wasn't something he had his sights set on early in life, Dr. Aziz gravitated to the medical field and urology in particular, because he liked the quality-based aspects of the surgical specialty.

As he noted, whether it's addressing female incontinence or the effects of kidney stones, many of the procedures he does improve the quality of life of his patients. He also enjoys the variety of work that comes with his chosen field – everything from smaller procedures to cancer treatment with a mix of open surgeries, laparoscopic procedures and more that allows him to use his vast array of skills.

With a love of outdoor activities and the proximity of the Ottawa Valley to family, Dr. Aziz said the decision to work in Pembroke at PRH was an easy one and he has been warmly welcomed and surrounded by a great team.

He adds that having the "best of both worlds" is making it a great fit so far.

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