



# Newsletter

**Addendum**

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## ***Summer Locums***

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Please welcome **Dr. Erin Reich**, who will be working at Garrison Creek this summer. **Dr. Alexa Goodbaum** will be staying at Garrison Creek this summer to provide ongoing locum coverage.

If your regular family doctor is away from the clinic, you may be booked for an appointment with a locum physician. You will be notified at the time of booking that you will be seen by a different physician.

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# Clinic updates

## ***Resident doctors are coming to Garrison Creek July 1<sup>st</sup>!***

Toronto Western has been a training site for resident doctors for many decades, as part of the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine. We are excited that our highly ranked training program for new family physicians is expanding to our Garrison Creek location starting July 1, 2024.

### **What is a Resident (Doctor)?**

Resident doctors have completed medical school and have received their Medical Doctor (M.D.) degree. They are approved to practise medicine under an education licence. To earn their full license, they must complete two years of training through the University of Toronto's Department of Family and Community Medicine and must be supervised by a university appointed staff doctor.

During their training, residents can do everything a staff doctor can do, like ordering tests and prescribing medications, under supervision. If a resident refers you to a specialist or books additional tests, the name of staff doctor supervising the resident will appear on these referrals or tests.

### **Which Patients will Resident Doctors take care of?**

If you are an existing Garrison Creek patient, your primary care physician or nurse practitioner provider will not change. However, you may be seen by a resident if your usual primary care provider is not available and you require an urgent appointment, or if your primary care provider is supervising that day.

Resident doctors will have their own panel of new clinic patients assigned to them over time. If you wish to become a new patient, a resident doctor may be assigned to you as your regular family doctor. This resident doctor will be your primary care provider over the two years of their training with us. At the end of the two years, a new resident doctor will be assigned to you.

## How are Resident Doctors supervised?

A staff doctor who is appointed by the University of Toronto reviews and assesses every patient visit with a resident doctor, using one of the following methods:

- **Live feed camera:** Examination rooms have an audio video system so the staff doctor can supervise the resident doctor by watching a monitor in another room. Only the staff doctor will view the visit, and you may request not to be viewed during your visit with a resident doctor. The camera is focused on the resident and footage is never recorded or stored.
- **Staff doctor joins the visit:** The supervising staff doctor may join the resident in the examination room during your visit.
- **Resident leaves the room:** Residents will often leave the exam room to review and discuss any medical concerns with a staff doctor, then return to communicate a care plan to you
- You may ask the staff doctor to join the resident visit if you have concerns.

## Still have questions?

If you are an existing patient, please speak with your regular family doctor or nurse practitioner.

If you are a new patient, please bring your questions to your first visit.

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train excellent family  
physicians of the future.**

**We thank you for helping us  
as we fulfill this important  
mission.**

# Stroke - Risk Factors and Strategies for Prevention

## Topics:

- Understand how different health care professionals work together with patients to prevent and manage a Stroke
- Learn about factors that increase the chance of a patient having a stroke and how to lower those risks
- Learn practical strategies that a patient can do to prevent and manage a stroke based on their health conditions and lifestyle



**Presenters include:** Patient Partner, Stroke Neurologist, Dietitian, Physiotherapist and Occupation Therapist

## Date and time:

This virtual presentation will be released on YouTube on:

**Thursday June 27, 2024**

## How to participate:



**Watch this recording and past events at:**

[bit.ly/UHNHealthTalksPlaylist](https://bit.ly/UHNHealthTalksPlaylist) or scan the QR code using your smartphone camera or a QR code scanner app

For more information, email [pfep@uhn.ca](mailto:pfep@uhn.ca) or call 416 603 6290



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