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Anesthesiologist joins Red Deer healthcare team

RED DEER — The arrival of a new anesthesiologist will improve access to surgical services for patients in Red Deer and across central Alberta.

Dr. Patrick Agbanu has joined the anesthesia team at Red Deer Regional Health Centre. He is one of 16 anesthesiologists now practising in the facility.

“The recruitment of Dr. Agbanu will improve access to surgical services for patients in Red Deer and across central Alberta. This is great news for our growing city and surrounding areas,” says Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health and MLA for Red Deer-North.

“Red Deer is the third largest city in the best province in Canada,” adds Jason Stephan, MLA for Red Deer-South. “It is good to see medical professionals coming to Red Deer to serve families and individuals in our wonderful community.”

Dr. Agbanu received his medical education in Nigeria and practised as an anesthesiologist in South Africa prior to coming to Canada.

“I wanted to work in Alberta and AHS miraculously posted me to this beautiful city of Red Deer. I love it here,” says Dr. Agbanu, whose hobbies include hiking, travel and chess.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) continues to recruit for physicians across Alberta to meet community needs. AHS has physician resource planners who are dedicated to identifying and pursuing international and domestic physician recruitment opportunities. They work closely with various community partners and organizations, such as the Rural Health Professions Action Plan, and independent physician recruitment and retention committees.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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