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### *National Physician Recruitment Association Hosts Its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Prince Edward Island*

May 13, 2014 (Charlottetown, PEI)

The Canadian Association of Staff Physician Recruiters (CASPR) celebrated their ten-year anniversary in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, which attracted over 60 physician recruiters from across Canada. The theme of the conference was 'Celebrate the Past, Embrace the Present and Influence the Future'. Sheila MacLean, Physician Recruitment Coordinator with the PEI Department of Health and Wellness, is one of our Conference Co-Chairs and location contact.

The 2014 conference featured 18 sessions from physician succession planning to immigration issues, ethical recruitment and social media marketing.

"The objective of the organization is to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas on the principles, practices and ethics in the field of physician recruitment and retention," stated Darlene Befus, CASPR 2013/14 Chair. "Physicians from all specialties expect the support of physician recruiters when considering relocating to a new community. CASPR Recruiters are an important part of the physician placement process."

In addition, the inaugural CASPR Fellowship 201 program was held on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The CASPR Fellowship program comprises of three programs: 101, 201, and 301. Once physician recruiters successfully complete all 3 courses, they become a certified "Canadian Physician Recruiter." The program provides best practice education related to physician recruitment. It is the only program of its kind in Canada.

CASPR is also pleased to announce our incoming Executive Members: Sheila MacLean (Prince Edward Island) as 2014-15 Chair, Marlene Young (Alberta) as Vice-Chair, Darlene Befus (Alberta) as Past Chair, Brenda Taylor (Saskatchewan) as Secretary, Jill Croteau (Ontario) as Treasurer, David Gravelle (Ontario) as Communications Chair, Karla Scott (Yukon) as Membership Chair, Joan Hatcher (Ontario) as Conference Co-Chair, Brenda Warren (British Columbia) and CJ Pudsey (Ontario) as Members at Large.

The 2015 CASPR Conference will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

## About CASPR

The Canadian Association of Staff Physician Recruiters (CASPR) is a professional organization from across Canada whose members' primary role is to recruit physicians for their communities, local hospitals and other healthcare organizations. Since launching in 2004, CASPR has grown from 10 to over 130 members from across Canada, and continues to increase every year. The association is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and is represented by a volunteer Board of Directors. Membership is open to non-profit Physician Recruiters employed or retained by hospitals, hospital corporations, clinics, health care regions or authorities, public sector, government agencies or communities to recruit and retain physicians for that entity. CASPR offers a means for Canadian Physician Recruiters from coast to coast to share best practices, techniques and tools for physician recruitment and retention.

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