

# Kitchener-Waterloo & Area Family Medicine Residency Program



Guelph

# Community Information

- Guelph is a city of approximately 140,000 people
- Located 20 minutes east of Kitchener, and an hour west of Toronto
- Home to the world-renowned Hillside Festival, the University of Guelph, as well as numerous parks and art centres



# Norfolk Family Practice

- Norfolk Family Medical is a family physicians office located in the heart of Guelph providing quality and collaborative patient care.
- Comprised of 8 family physicians with a vast array of interests and patient populations. A mental health counsellor, dietician, and pharmacist also work out of this location on a regular basis as part of the Guelph Family Health Team. The Guelph FHT as a whole is a unique model, as the vast majority of family physicians in Guelph all belong to the FHT at a variety of locations.
- In partnership with the Guelph Family Health Team Norfolk Family Practice are able to offer their patients access to additional services such as appointments with a counsellor, dietician and a pharmacist. Through Guelph FHT patients are provided with access to a wide variety of interdisciplinary health care professionals, group workshops and programs including:
  - Diabetes Care; Foot Care ; INR Clinic; Guelph FHT Psychiatry; and a variety of Wellness Webinars
- For more information about [Norfolk Family Practice](#) the services provided by the [Guelph FHT](#) please visit their websites.

# Preceptor Information



Dr. Dan Finnigan

Practice Size	1000 (shared practice)
Patient Population	All ages with large number of young families
Inpatient Care	4 - 6 ER shifts per month in Fergus and Listowel
Deliveries	Yes, approx. 25 per year
Procedures	Joint injections, biopsies, IUD insertions, abscess I&D
Special Interests	ER, Hospital Medicine, Maternal Care

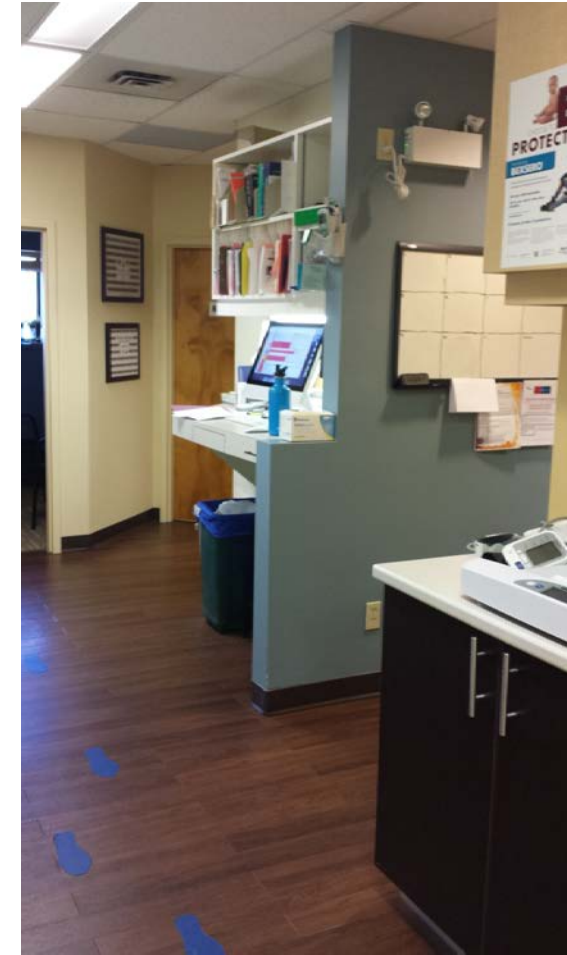
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Dr. David Cranmer

Practice Size	1950
Patient Population	All ages
Inpatient Care	No inpatient care but hospitalist call 1 weekend per month
Deliveries	No
Procedures	Skin biopsies, joint injections and various other minor procedures
Special Interests	One half day per week of retirement & nursing home rounds

# Office and Clinic Space



# Resident Perspectives

“As a longstanding resident of Guelph, I was excited to match into a program where I was familiar with the community. Guelph is a vibrant city with a diverse community including a growing number of both professional and young families.

The preceptors and staff at The Norfolk Clinic were welcoming from the get-go. Both my preceptors took the time out of their busy schedules to meet with me prior to starting my residency. This gave me the opportunity to discuss my goals and learning objectives moving forward. I was fortunate to have landed with preceptors who have such a diversity of skills including in obstetrics, emergency medicine, hospitalist, and newborn care. They are always very flexible to ensure I meet my desired learning goals. Guelph General Hospital is also very welcoming of residents. Depending on the block, you are often the only resident on a service and get that flexibility of seeing selected patients and with the additional hands-on experience.

I could not be happier with the Guelph experience thus far and would recommend to anyone who is truly interested in the full scope that family medicine has to offer.”

-PGY1 Resident (2021)

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“Guelph has been a really great experience.

In regard to rotations through Guelph General Hospital, it's really only physicians taking on learners if they are wanting to teach, so I really found it to be a positive and constructive environment. Additionally, there's great access to a variety of cases and various procedures because there are so few learners in the hospital. I have also come to really enjoy the Guelph community - great nature, a really strong sense of community and being close (but not in) Toronto are only a few perks.”

-PGY2 Ben Dean (2021)



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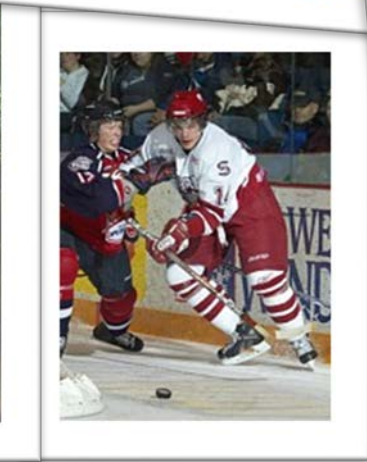
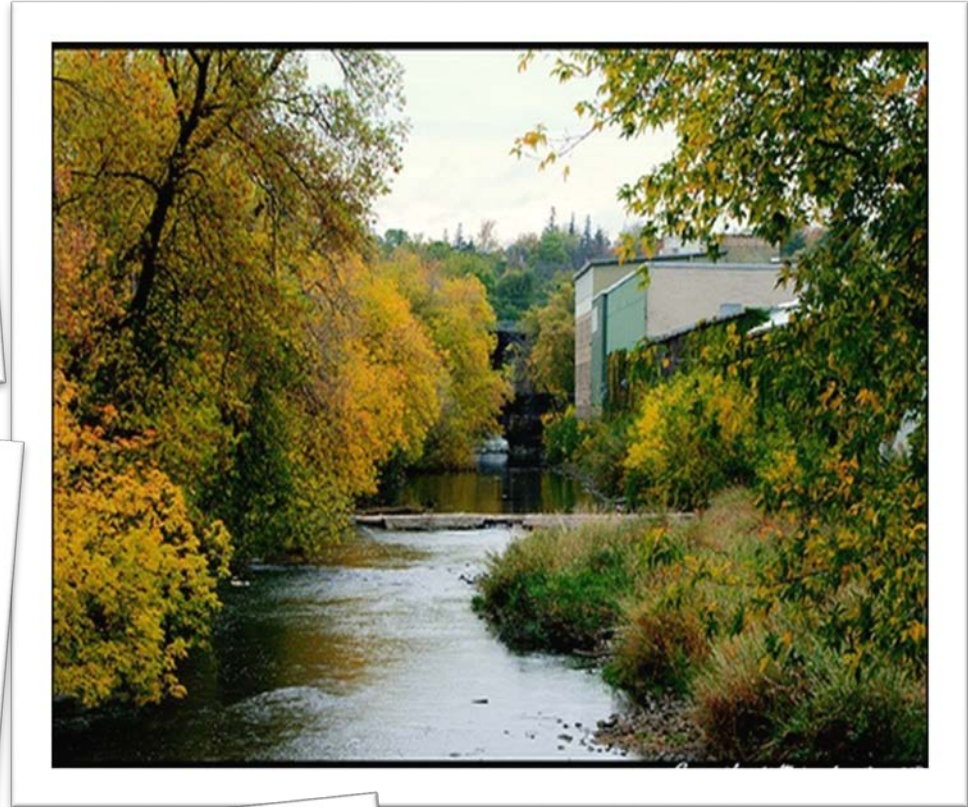
## Advantages

- A pleasant, active, and family-friendly community
- Being one of the only learners at the site, which means less learner-fatigue and the ability to be actively involved in unique cases and practice management
- Very warm and welcoming interdisciplinary clinic environment
- Outstanding preceptors who are resident-centred and understand the balance of providing independence and responsibility with supervision and guidance
- Preceptors are very supportive and enjoy teaching
- Diverse population of patients
- Beautiful city with good food and coffee

## Disadvantages

- Being away from the main teaching site, which mean missing out on some evening teaching session and lunch & learn sessions and some socializing opportunities
- Often must drive to Kitchener for short learning sessions







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# Family Medicine

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