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NLMA discusses issues facing General Internal Medicine

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St. John's, NL – Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association President Dr. Brendan Lewis today launched the first in a series of public information sessions. The first session examined the challenges surrounding General Internal Medicine in the province.

“Our intent is to inform our patients and the public about the challenges facing our health care system, including the gaps in medical service delivery. We want to present our issues to the public so that the people of the province can understand exactly what is at stake if we fail to address the deficiencies in our medical care system,” says Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Lewis explained that physicians are raising these issues today because doctors in the province are extremely worried about the gaps in medical service delivery and how long patients have to wait for medical services, which encompass things like assessment, diagnosis, procedures and treatment.

“Each day that the system continues to function without correcting the problems the medical profession has identified, increases the risk of compromising patient care and patient safety. As physicians, we have a duty to not be complacent whenever patient care is at risk and to communicate our concerns about patient care publicly and truthfully,” says Dr. Lewis.

The public information session was led by General Internal Medicine specialists Dr. Pradip Joshi, who is also Chief of Medicine at Eastern Health, Dr. Julia Trahey and Dr. Muhammad Anwar.

Dr. Pradip Joshi has practiced General Internal Medicine in the province for 28 years. He is an internal medical graduate from the University of Manchester in England. Dr. Julia Trahey is a graduate from Memorial University and has practiced General Internal Medicine for more than 17 years. Dr. Muhammad Anwar has practiced General Internal Medicine and Respiriology in the province since 2006. He is a graduate from the University of Punjab in Pakistan. Before coming to St. John's he practiced General Internal Medicine in Carbonear.

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