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Updates to leadership team for Public Health Office

Iqaluit, Nunavut (August 28, 2023) – Minister of Health John Main today assigns Dr. Jasmine Pawa as acting Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) and Dr. Ekua Agyemang, as Deputy Chief Public Health Officer. Dr. Pawa is leading the office during Dr. Sean Wachtel's extended leave.

The Chief Public Health Officer, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, and medical health officers work with a small team of public health staff, some of whom have been in their roles for more than 10 years. This collaborative approach allows for the best possible public health practice.

"It is with great pleasure and a warm heart that I welcome these individuals to their roles," said Minister Main. "Both are well versed in public health services and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Michael Patterson for his acting role as CPHO. Dr. Patterson is returning to full-time work at the Qikiqtani General Hospital.

"As we continue to resource the Chief Public Health Office of Nunavut, we strengthen our collective commitment to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Nunavummiut."

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