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Ajax-Pickering hospital gets new psychiatrists

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AJAX -- Two psychiatrists have joined the Rouge Valley Health System and will see patients at the Ajax-Pickering hospital.

One year ago, the beds from Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital's mental health inpatient unit were moved to Centenary hospital in Scarborough to pool resources and create a more efficient department. Outpatient services and referrals continue to be provided out of the Ajax hospital.

Dr. Marijana Drandic and Dr. Nosa Omoruyi are the newest members to join the Ajax team.

Dr. Drandic began volunteering at a Toronto mental health facility in Grade 12 and decided the field was right for her.

"I felt that this would be an ideal opportunity for me, because of the expanded outpatient mental health services found here," Dr. Drandic said.

Dr. Drandic said many of her female patients find comfort in seeing a female psychiatrist, and many of them speak Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian, languages the Croatia native speaks fluently.

She earned her bachelor of science from the University of Toronto where she specialized in toxicology, and earned her medical degree at the University of Western Ontario, where she also completed her residency in psychiatry. She also worked in numerous mental health programs in London.

Dr. Omoruyi had his own family practice in Nigeria and, after practicing there for nine years, began training in psychiatry. He said he's always had an interest in psychiatry.

"I enjoy the fact that I am able to direct the care that I'm giving to patients, based on their needs. I am excited to be a part of the physician team here at Rouge Valley," he said.

Dr. Omoruyi earned his medical degree from the University of Benin School of Medicine in Nigeria and completed his training and residency in family practice at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital. His residencies include ones in pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, internal medicine and surgery. He later focused on psychiatry through a residency at Mount Sinai School of Medicine/North General Hospital in New York and a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the Montefiore Medical Centre/Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Bronx Children's Psychiatric Centre in New York.

Rouge Valley also recently welcomed two new cardiologists. Dr. Gillian Nesbitt is the hospital's first female cardiologist. Dr. Raymond Yan also joined, and both are seeing patients at both hospitals.

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