

## Communications Office

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Think You Might Have H1N1 and Don't Have a Family Doctor?

#### *Visit the Influenza Assessment Clinic for Unattached Patients*

**Friday, October 30, 2009, Peterborough**

The Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) announced today that the Peterborough Clinic has set up an influenza assessment clinic for unattached patients to see people with influenza-like symptoms who do not have a family doctor.

"We are very pleased that local residents with influenza symptoms who do not have access to their own health care provider can now bypass the Emergency Department and be seen by a physician at this new assessment clinic," said Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health with the PCCHU. "This is just one of many ways our local primary care providers are rising to the occasion to meet the medical needs of our community as H1N1 enters its second wave."

Unattached patients can call the Peterborough Clinic at 740-6511 or 740-6512 to make an appointment. Phone lines will open at 9:00 a.m. Patients without a family doctor arriving at the Emergency Department at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre with influenza-like symptoms will also be given the option of going to the assessment clinic at Peterborough Clinic if they prefer. The Peterborough Clinic is located at 26 Hospital Drive.

Symptoms of influenza include:

Almost always: fever and cough

Common: fatigue, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, decreased appetite, runny nose

Sometimes: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

For further information about H1N1 symptoms, self-assessment, and care, please visit [www.pcchu.ca](http://www.pcchu.ca).

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