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**Dr. John Morash, respectful and attentive to the needs of his clients**

**SUMMERSIDE, PEI, September 12, 2018** – The purpose of the PEI French Health Network’s Étoile Santé campaign is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language services on Prince Edward Island. The Health Network is pleased to announce that this month’s Étoile Santé is Dr. John Morash.

Dr. John Morash is a good listener; he is also easy to talk to and great at working with the elderly: this is what allows him to offer impeccable service, both at the emergency department and in his Summerside office. He always tries to be aware of the slightest indication that a patient is Francophone, and if so, he speaks to the patient in his or her language.

This family physician, who is originally from Nova Scotia and completed his degree in 2011, set up practice at the Summerside Medical Centre in 2015. He also spends one day a week at the Prince County Hospital emergency department, a hospital he perceives as being the best one he has worked in.

His father was a French teacher, so he was destined to learn the language. “I’m the only one in my family who’s not a teacher,” joked Dr. Morash. He was able to perfect his French while attending a French immersion school from grades 7–12 and during his family medicine residency in Fredericton, from 2011 to 2013, where he served a bilingual clientele.

For him, speaking French is a way to serve his patients better. “Canada is a bilingual country, so it’s very important. Some people cannot express themselves in English. If I can speak French, we don’t have to play the telephone game; no words will be changed, and we will understand each other,” he explained.

In the community, people appreciate Dr. Morash for his very respectful approach and his accessibility. The French Health Network named him an “Étoile Santé” after being recognized by a Francophone Islander. This woman was deeply affected by the services her parents received from Dr. Morash when she took them to the emergency department, because he took the time to explain to these elderly people what was causing their pain. “I never forgot his attitude and the respect he had for my parents,” she said regarding this devoted health professional, who is attentive to the needs of his clients.

Dr. Morash’s contact information can be found in the bilingual service provider directory at [www.santeipe.ca/repertoire](http://www.santeipe.ca/repertoire). Anyone can nominate health professionals who actively offer French language health services in Prince Edward Island. For more information on the Étoile Santé campaign or to nominate someone directly on the PEIFHN’s Web site, go to [www.santeipe.ca](http://www.santeipe.ca).

*The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-Language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of the 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.*

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