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**Katia Lavictoire, technician responsible for the electrical activity of the brain**

**CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI, February 10, 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 Katia Lavictoire.

Katia Lavictoire is an electroneurophysiology technician. She specializes in the recording and study of the electrical activity of the brain and nervous system. Each day, she carries out electroencephalography (EEG) recordings, a test that measures the brain activity of patients, with the help of electrodes placed at strategic points on their head.

Katia Lavictoire is originally from Clarence Creek, a small city near Ottawa. “I completed my training in May 2016, and started looking for work. I was willing to go pretty much anywhere,” explained the young woman. It was later in 2016 that Katia got her first job at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown and moved to Prince Edward Island.

“The Queen Elizabeth Hospital’s EEG Department is small, compared to the one where I completed my internship. However, that is an advantage for me, because it allows me to perform EEGs on all Islanders, both adults and children, needing this test. The Department and equipment are also very modern, so I’m really lucky,” declared the young woman.

A native Franco-Ontarian, Katia Lavictoire grew up speaking both official languages. She speaks French with clients when the opportunity arises. “Sometimes I have clients who speak French. Every time I have a Francophone patient or family member who speaks French, I can feel their sense of relief when they find out I can speak their language. We have a more natural relationship,” affirmed the young woman.

Katia Lavictoire really likes her life on Prince Edward Island. “I like the beauty of the Island, and I love the beaches. I enjoy running, and I have been discovering my creative and artistic side as well. I feel lucky; the people here are very welcoming and extremely generous”, insisted the young smiling professional, who also generously offers her services to others.

Katia Lavictoire’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 a chance to win \$500. 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 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.*

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