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Wassim Salamoun: A genuine physician proud to offer French-language services

SUMMERSIDE, PEI, November 27, 2015 – 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 health services in Prince Edward Island. The Health Network is pleased to announce that the Étoile Santé for the month of November is otorhinolaryngologist Wassim Salamoun.

Dr. Salamoun has been practicing medicine in Summerside for 27 years. An ear-nose-and-throat specialist, he is known for being a well-respected professional. This respectful individual is always ready to listen to his patients and is able to communicate clearly.

Besides possessing these qualities that are appreciated by all, he uses the French language to address Francophones requiring medical services. It's for these reasons that he was named an Étoile Santé by the PEI French Health Network in November.

Marcia Enman, who nominated Dr. Salamoun, is very pleased with the French services offered by this physician. "I really like the fact that he always speaks to me in my language, and I find that he's very clear and precise in his diagnoses. He has a very friendly personality, and he really deserves this honour."

Wassim Salamoun is originally from Lebanon, and his first language is Arabic. He learned French in kindergarten, and English in Grade 5. Trilingual, Dr. Salamoun decided to pursue a career in medicine at the end of his high school studies. "I did my medical studies in French, in France. I therefore learned all the medical terms in French, while improving myself in this beautiful language."

Dr. Salamoun is incredibly good at establishing relationships with people. "I really like what I do. I have great respect for people, and I always want to make sure I'm really listening to them. Every patient who comes to see me is important, so I take the time to care for them as best I can."

Wassim Salamoun's contact information can be found in the directory of bilingual service providers at www.santeipe.ca/repertoire. People are encouraged to 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.

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

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