

Update from Nova Scotia

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Boom! That is the sound of the seismic changes that have recently unfolded in rheumatology in Nova Scotia.

After a long and distinguished career, Dr. John Hanly has retired from clinical care as of July 1st, 2022. He and his wife Noreen plan on splitting their time between Halifax and Ireland.

More people than ever are moving to our province, further straining our bulging wait lists. If there are any rheumatologists that would enjoy smelling the sea air and stretching their housing dollars here in Nova Scotia, please let me know.



Dr. John Hanly



Dr. Alex Legge

The daunting task of attempting to fill his shoes falls on the indomitable Dr. Alex Legge, who has joined the division in a major research position after completing a year-long research fellowship at the University of British Columbia (UBC) under the supervision of Dr. Diane Lacaille.

Halifax rheumatologists have created CRA Executive “bookends” as Dr. Evelyn Sutton is now Past-President and Dr. Trudy Taylor is newly established as Vice-President.

Dr. Julie Mongeau completed her residency in rheumatology one year ago and has set up a practice in Truro, Nova Scotia. She is currently expecting her first child.

Dr. Janet Roberts had a baby boy, Henry, and is finishing up her maternity leave while starting an MPH program at Harvard. She will return to clinical care at the end of the summer.

In association with the QEII Health Sciences Foundation, a fully funded 4-million-dollar endowment has been created for a Research Chair in Rheumatology. Recruitment into the position will be starting soon.



Dr. Janet Roberts and her son Henry.

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