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**FAMILY HEALTH TEAM HIRES NURSE PRACTITIONER**

PETROLIA, ON Mary-Pat Gleeson, Chair of the Board of the Central Lambton Family Health Team, is pleased to announce the hiring of Greg Layne as the first Nurse Practitioner for the new CLFHT. Greg will commence working at the CLFHT on March 7 and will be working with Dr. John Butler during his first week.

An LCCVI graduate, Greg and his wife Kristy have four young children and are residents of Petrolia. Greg has been working as a nurse practitioner at the North Lambton Community Health Centre in Forest for the past two years. Greg earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2001 and his Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner certificate in 2008 from the University of Western Ontario. Greg has six years experience working in Emergency Departments in London, Chatham, St. Thomas and at Bluewater Health in Sarnia. Greg is an active member of his community as a leader in several youth and Boy Scout organizations.

As a Nurse Practitioner, Greg will see patients who need immediate care for acute health problems like colds, flu and minor aches and pains. He will also see patients who need annual health exams, well-baby and children assessments and assist those dealing with chronic illness issues such as asthma, diabetes, chronic respiratory problems or arthritis. Nurse practitioners can provide immunizations for children, order diagnostic tests such as Mammographies, ultrasounds, basic X-rays, laboratory tests and provide prescriptions for some medications. Greg will be working closely with all of the physicians who are part of the CLFHT and will be visiting patients in the hospital, at local nursing homes and in patients' homes.

Gleeson said, "Greg will make a fantastic contribution to improving access to primary health care services in our community and we are pleased that someone that knows our community will be the first employee of the CLFHT. We look forward to announcing other members of the CLFHT in the near future, including a pharmacist, social worker and registered nurses."

For more information about the role of a Nurse Practitioner, please visit the CLFHT web site [www.centrallambtonfamilyhealthteam.com](http://www.centrallambtonfamilyhealthteam.com) or ask your physician how a Nurse Practitioner might help you in your care.

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