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AHSC TASK FORCE CHAIR MEETS WITH SEAMO

At its regular meeting, December 18, AHSC AFP Task Force Chair, Mr. Graham Scott, met with the SEAMO Governing Committee to discuss Task Force progress. The Task Force was established under the 2004 Physician Services Agreement between the OMA and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. \$150 mm in new funding was made available, which together with \$75 mm in "Phase 1" funding will be used to support academic alternative funding arrangements.

Mr. Scott indicated that, despite progress on moving Phase 1 sites to a "Phase 3", the Task Force is as yet unclear how it will address existing AFPs, including SEAMO. Mr. Scott invited SEAMO Governing Committee views on the approach to Phase 3 and, more importantly, to address unique aspects of SEAMO and of this Health Sciences Centre that should be considered by the Task Force.

For information about the work of the Task Force and its Expert Panels and committees, please see the Task Force website (<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/login/> password: mohahsc)

STAFFING UPDATE

Dr. Catherine Vakil commenced September 01 in a half time GFT position in the **Department of Family Medicine**. This position was funded from the Department's SEAMO allocation.

In the **Department of Medicine** there are two updates to report. Dr. Damien Redfern commenced October 01 in a replacement GFT position in **Cardiology**. Two new GFT positions have been approved for the **Division of General Internal Medicine**. These two new positions will be funded by a combination of fee-for-service and the Department's SEAMO allocation.

A new adjunct **obstetrician** at Brockville General Hospital commenced October 01.

Under the terms of the SEAMO Funding Agreement, the benefits of province-wide alternative funding arrangements flow to SEAMO. As a result of the new Gynaecological Oncology Group of Ontario ("GOGO") contract with the Ministry of Health, SEAMO has received approval and funding for a new **gynaecologic oncology** position.

Dr. James Farmer commenced November 21 as a replacement adjunct-2 in **Ophthalmology**.

Pending receipt of additional funding, the **Department of Anaesthesiology** has been allowed to "hollow out" two positions in order to ensure retention of anaesthesiologists and maintenance of deliverables agreed between the Department and the hospitals.

SEAMO Management wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

