

# SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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## **GOVERNORS BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR NEW MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT**

The current SEAMO funding Agreement terminates in slightly more than one year (2008 March 31). At the meeting of the Governors' Committee, February 06, Governors discussed the potential implications of shadow billing and of Phase III discussions on a new multi-year SEAMO funding agreement.

The introduction of shadow billing and the potential use of claims submission as a method of calculating presumptive clinical effort has raised issues related to Kingston's clinical environment. It was noted by Governors that this Health Sciences Centre cannot survive on the basis of fee-for-service or a fee-for-service proxy.

The Centre will continue to work to improve claims submissions in order to capture as much as possible and to report billings as accurately as possible. The Governors agreed that the data must be the most current possible and, at a minimum, cumulative data over a six-month period are required now for internal accountability.

## **STAFFING UPDATES**

Dr. Joseph Newbigging commenced January 01 in a full time GFT position in the **Department of Emergency Medicine**. This position was funded from the Department's SEAMO allocation.

Dr. Henry Aaverns commenced January 01 in a replacement GFT position funded by SEAMO in the **Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology**.