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## Medicine Hat welcomes its newest family physician



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Dr. Noorun Lagadin is a family physician from South Africa who recently came to the community and is accepting new patients at Mohawk Medical Arts Clinic near the hospital. --NEWS PHOTO GILLIAN SLADE

A passion for people and getting to know the entire family makes her work as a family physician fulfilling, says a new physician to Medicine Hat practising at Mohawk Medical Arts centre.

Dr. Noorun Lagadin, who calls herself a people person, came to Medicine Hat the middle of last month from South Africa where she'd been living and practising in Cape Town.

"It was the quality of life that attracted me," said Lagadin. "I wanted to broaden my horizons and experience a different culture and community."

The quality of health care and the "more hands-on approach" were also an incentive.

"Canada is doing a great job in medicine, evidenced by the life expectancy of the population. Alberta is a leader in health care," said Lagadin.

She felt Medicine Hat would be an ideal place to raise a family, where there is a strong community spirit and, of course, for the amount of sunshine, she said.

In addition to her family medicine practice she also has hospital privileges at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, which is in close proximity to her medical office.

Lagadin particularly appreciates providing physician care to entire families. She says it enables her to understand contributing factors and background involving someone's health.

"I want to be a part of their lives as well," said Lagadin. "I want to treat seniors as if they were my mom and families as if they are part of my family."

A highlight since arriving in Canada in September has been experiencing a snowfall and then building a snowman, she said.

Lagadin is accepting new patients. Mohawk Medical Arts is located at 770-6th Street S.W. The telephone number is 403-488-8541. Mohawk also a walk-in clinic Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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