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## AHS recruits another new family physician to High Prairie

HIGH PRAIRIE — Alberta Health Services (AHS) continues to make progress on its goal to increase access to local primary care services with the recent recruitment of another new family physician.

Dr. Ali Niazee is a general practitioner who is expected to begin practising in High Prairie this summer. He received his medical degree and training in Iraq, and has a special interest in emergency medicine. When he arrives, he will provide care at the AHS Community Health and Wellness Clinic and at the High Prairie Health Complex.

“I like working in rural medicine because it gives me the opportunity to provide different aspects of medicine, such as working in the emergency department, family medicine and inpatient care,” says Dr. Niazee. “But the best thing about being a rural physician is being part of the community I serve. When I first visited High Prairie, the community and health care staff were welcoming and friendly.”

Two other new physicians, Dr. Nader Elhsaeri and Dr. Alpheus Ntsoane, have been practising in High Prairie since late last year.

“Dr. Niazee will be a welcome addition to the local medical team and play a significant role in improving access to primary care services for residents,” says Dr. Richard Ibach, AHS Associate Zone Medical Director for High Prairie. “These new physicians are coming to High Prairie to work in the Community Health and Wellness Clinic, and are key in helping to stabilize coverage in the emergency department. The clinic will continue to help recruit and retain physicians who previously would not have come to High Prairie.”

High Prairie’s new Community Health and Wellness Clinic offers a range of primary care, public health and interprofessional health care services in one location.

Dr. Niazee and his wife have two daughters, ages six and two. Together, they enjoy swimming, biking and fishing.

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