

# Physician Profile

## Dr. Bob Neville

When Dr. Bob Neville started his family practise in 1986 he had no idea that 30 years later he would be one of Peterborough's most beloved family doctors. "My very first patient that July was my high school principal and I felt so fortunate to be able to come back home to Peterborough and join the Medical Centre," said Dr. Neville.

After graduating from the pharmacy program at Queen's (1980), Bob went on to study medicine at Queen's (1984) and completed his residency there as chief resident in 1986 before moving home to Peterborough to establish his family practise. In addition to a very busy family practise, and being president of the Medical Centre, Dr. Neville is also one of the four coroners in Peterborough, of which he has been serving since 1998.

As a result of his passion for sports medicine he helped open one of the first sports medicine clinics at SSFC. He also did his Masters degree in the late 90s at McGill in Occupational medicine and has over 10 companies as clients. Bob is well known for being the 'doctor to the Peterborough Petes', their



GP from 1987 – 1996. An avid hockey supporter Bob is governor for the Petes executive and current Past President of the OHL board of Governors

Although Dr. Neville has delivered more than 1,200 babies in his career, his last delivery was in 2006 so he could make time for his own growing family. He and his wife Ginny, a neuro-physiotherapist, have

7 children, daughters Erin, 24, Emily 23, Katie 21, Abby 19 and sons Matthew 16 and twins John and Patrick, 12. The Neville's home in the west end has been a gathering place for neighbourhood kids for the past two decades with their open door policy and of course back yard hockey rink. And yes, it is true Dr. Neville does have his own household size Zamboni for keeping that rink pristine over the winter months. Everyone in the family plays hockey.

Most weekends, Dr. Neville can be found at his practise, seeing his own patients, as well acting as on-call family doctor for the Medical Centre patients, all day Saturday and Sunday mornings.

"My patients are like a second family to me and it's been a privilege to share their joys, as well as support them in the sadness that life can sometimes bring," says Dr. Neville. "I became a family doctor because I wanted to serve people and I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to support so many wonderful people through practicing medicine in our community."