

PRESS RELEASE



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New Physician-Led Cycling Event to Support The Moncton Hospital Oncology Clinic

Moncton - The *N.B. Doctors Cycling Against Cancer Ride* is a five day, +500km, cycling event in support of the Oncology Clinic at The Moncton Hospital. Led by medical oncologist Dr. Mohammed Harb, the group of nine cyclists will depart from The Moncton Hospital on Monday, June 15th and travel through Sussex, Fredericton, and Miramichi before returning to the Oncology Clinic in Moncton on Friday, June 19th.

Funds raised through the ride will be directed towards improving the Oncology Clinical Trials Program at The Moncton Hospital through the purchase of much-needed medical and telecommunications technology.

The Moncton Hospital's Oncology Clinical Trials Program strives to contribute to the fight against cancer and provide patients in our region with leading-edge treatment. "The Clinical Trials Program is an essential component of our Oncology Department," explains Dr. Harb, "The technology we hope to purchase from this ride will improve access to care and ensure quicker and more-accurate results for patients enrolled in the program."

The ride is a family affair for Dr. Harb, who will be joined by his wife, Rita, and son Soma, who is a student at Moncton High. Joining the Harbs on this trek will be fellow oncologist Dr. Nizar Abdel-Samad, oncology pharmacist Glen Myers, general surgeons Dr. Paul Goobie and Dr. Tooraj Shakerinia, as well as Andre Robin and James Currie from Janssen Inc., a pharmaceutical company under Johnson & Johnson.

"Our cyclists have been training all winter for this event, and are excited to meet the challenge of cycling such a long distance," says Dr. Harb, "It's going to be a grueling ride, but knowing that we'll be improving cancer care for patients in our region makes it all worth it."

The *N.B. Doctors Cycling Against Cancer* ride is being generously sponsored by Janssen Inc., C103, XL Country 96.9, Mike's Bike Shop, and Amsterdam Inns.

To learn more about this event or to make a donation, please visit www.nbdocscac.com. Donations are also gratefully accepted at the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation lobby desk, or at the Oncology Clinic at The Moncton Hospital.

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