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To all Island Physicians,

This letter is to advise you of an important initiative underway at the Department of Health. As part of the effort to achieve the Government's vision of a single integrated system of care under One Island Health System, work has begun on the *Provincial Medical Leadership Project*.

The findings from the 2008 Corpus Sanchez International (CSI) review of Prince Edward Island's health system were that in an environment of increasing demands for services, health human resource shortages, and growing costs, we must change the ways in which we deliver health services. The CSI report recommended that efforts should be made to develop the environment and structures that enable effective medical leadership and involvement in quality management. These include: improved support for the principles of patient safety; enhanced efficiencies in contract administration; and the development of standards that ensure accountability.

The Provincial Medical Leadership Project will work on redesigning a new medical leadership structure for the province and is focused on medical services, quality monitoring and utilization management. The project will develop one set of bylaws and standards for medical staff and a physician resource plan for the province. The Provincial Medical Leadership Steering Committee has been established and its members are:

Dr. Richard Wedge, Chair
Dr. Henry Swart
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We will keep you updated on the Provincial Medical Leadership Project as it progresses. All Island physicians are encouraged to participate in this or any other activity in the Integrated Health System Project, including utilization management, home care and model of care redesign. If you would like to become involved or if you have any comments or questions, please contact the Project Management Office at (902) 368-5810 or healthinput@gov.pe.ca.

One Island Health System is about working together as a single integrated system of care to make the best use of system resources and effective medical leadership is a critical component of this effort. We look forward to working with you to support the improved health of all Islanders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R Wedge".

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