

# Feature Business of the Month:

## Apollo Health Clinic

In August 2021, Dr. Muti Kauchali and his team embarked on a new adventure, the Apollo Health Centre; a medical clinic where Blackfalds residents and families can go for healthcare services, within town limits.

In 2020, Dr. Kauchali was approached by the Blackfalds Health Practitioners Attraction and Retention Committee (BHPARC) and, as a result, set up his practice and welcomed many new patients since opening up their doors.

Dr. Kauchali has been a general practitioner for over 27 years, the last 12 of those were in Canada. He is currently practicing at the Apollo Health Centre and Delburne Medical Centre, and attends the Sylvan Lake Advanced Ambulatory Centre a couple days each month. He also routinely makes rounds in hospitals in the area, seeing patients that do not have family physicians.

The Apollo Health Centre team includes Naomi Birmingham, Dr. Kauchali's assistant who grew up in Alberta and received her physician assistant training in the USA. She will be assisting Dr. Kauchali, particularly with patients requesting female physicians. To round out the medical team at Apollo is medical office assistant Jill, receptionist Kylie, and office manager Rubina.

The team also includes physicians who are on standby and will stand in for Dr. Kauchali while he is away from the clinic attending to patients elsewhere.

Dr. Kauchali and his team said that so far the experience in Blackfalds has been very positive and that patients who have attended the clinic

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are very grateful to have another health centre in their area. Dr. Kauchali reiterates that there is lots of capacity for new patients.

"We have no cap on the number of patients we will accommodate. We are a family physician-based medical clinic that uses the Medical

Home platform which means we try to offer as many services as possible to our patients under one roof," he said, adding, "we would prefer to address your medical needs with our physicians than to send our patient somewhere else if possible."

The Apollo Health Centre will also serve as a walk-in clinic and offers same-day service for emergencies, and one day follow-ups for all other inquiries.

"Studies have shown that a patient who has one family physician or one family clinic will get the best continuity of care, we are also proactive in that we contact our patients to remind them of their yearly exams or blood work that may need to happen. This continuity of care helps to prevent medical conditions and can prolong the life of each patient," added Kauchali.

The Apollo Health Centre team is looking forward to the future as they foresee the clinic growing alongside the community. "We are forward-thinking and dedicated to the health and wellness of our patients. We foresee having several multidisciplinary team members join us,

and may include diabetic nurses, foot care nurses, mental health therapists, and the like," explained Dr. Kauchali. "Growth and change are inevitable, and we strive to grow with our patients and their needs."

For more information, visit [www.apollohealthcentre.ca](http://www.apollohealthcentre.ca)

