

### **BACKGROUND: RQRHA – College of Medicine 10-Year Agreement**

- The Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority (RQRHA) and the University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine have committed to a formal 10-year agreement to work together to further develop the Regina campus to support access and quality of care in the southern region of the province.
- Patients are expected to benefit from improved recruiting and retention of University of Saskatchewan medicine graduates in southern Saskatchewan, as the medical learners' experiences in Regina will help the physicians to understand the range of practice opportunities available to them once they complete their studies.
- Although RQRHA has partnered with the University of Saskatchewan for many years, this agreement renews the commitment of both parties to the Regina campus, and formalizes anticipated inputs and outcomes.
- The agreement, which continues through to January 31, 2027, commits both organizations to shared goals in moving forward to build on their existing partnership and further enhance the offerings and strength of the Regina campus.
- The Vision statement for the Regina campus is that: "The Regina campus is a leading Academic Health Sciences Centre that excels in delivering generalist medical education in an inter-professional learning environment, where quality and safe patient care for the residents of southern Saskatchewan is paramount, and where training of physicians needed to provide service to our patients is a priority."
- The goals of the agreement include:
  - Growth to achieve distribution of learners (undergraduate and postgraduate);
  - Integration and growth of research on the Regina campus;
  - Distributive leadership and collaborative governance structures and decision-making processes to facilitate effective functioning of the Regina campus; and
  - Adequate and equitable capacity based in Regina to support the Regina campus.
- The agreement is in the process of being officially signed.