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To all Regional Districts and Regional Hospital Districts in the Northern Interior:

**RE: Appointment of Dr. William Osei as Northern Health medical health officer for the Northern Interior**

I'm writing to advise you that Northern Health (NH) has named a new medical health officer for the Northern Interior Health Services Delivery Area. Dr. William Osei will help guide a host of population health programs and services that protect the health and safety of northern British Columbians.

Dr. Osei's responsibilities will include:

- Assessing the health of the Northern Interior population and assisting NH with the development of responsive health programs and services;
- Overseeing Northern Interior responses to communicable disease outbreaks and environmental threats; and
- Ensuring the safety and security of restaurants, water systems, and community care facilities in the Northern Interior.

Dr. Osei comes to Northern Health from Saskatchewan where he served as the provincial epidemiologist and director of epidemiology, research and evaluation at Saskatchewan Health since 1994.

Dr. Osei has a master's degree in epidemiology and public health from the University of Michigan and a medical degree from the University of Ghana. He has adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina. Earlier this year, the American College of Epidemiology elected him a fellow of the college.

Dr. Osei replaces Dr. Lorna Medd, who left Northern Health this past fall.

Dr. Osei has many years of experience in public health including management and control of communicable diseases, as well as research and training in Canada and abroad. We are fortunate to have a physician of his calibre in this important role.

If you want to reach Dr. Osei, please call (250) 565-2150 or e-mail [william.osei@northernhealth.ca](mailto:william.osei@northernhealth.ca)

Yours, sincerely,



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