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Mr. Tim Ralph and Ms. Valoree McKay
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Dear Mr. Ralph and Ms. McKay,

Thank you for your letter regarding National Physician Assistant Day in Canada.

Physician assistants do excellent work, and I am pleased that New Brunswick has begun introducing physician assistants into our health care system. Currently, two physician assistants work in the Emergency Department of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton.

As university-trained and highly-skilled health care professionals who support physicians in providing a wide range of medical care, these individuals contribute to improved access to services, decreased wait times and optimized patient care.

On behalf of the New Brunswick Department of Health, I extend my best wishes to the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants as it continues its public education and awareness efforts.

Sincerely,



Hon. Hugh J. Flemming, Q.C.
Minister

