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“One Health is the collaborative efforts of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals, plants and our environment.”

“One Health implementation will help protect and/or save untold millions of lives in our generation and for those to come.”

“Between animal and human medicine there are no dividing lines--nor should there be.” Rudolf Virchow, MD (the father of cellular pathology)

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Physician and Veterinarian Jointly Present “Introduction to One Health” at Canadian Family Medicine Forum

Dr. David Fisman, a physician and **Dr. Erin Leonard**, a veterinarian presented an "introduction to One Health" at the Family Medicine Forum, in Toronto, Ontario on November 15, 2012, entitled ***Enhancing Family Health Connections in Clinical Practice – A One Health Approach*** (sponsored by the Public Health Agency of Canada). Please see power point presentation PDF:

<http://www.onehealthinitiative.com/publications/FMF%20presentation%20df%20english.pdf>.

The Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is the largest meeting of family health practitioners in Canada, including family medicine clinicians, teachers, researchers, residents and students and is co-hosted by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. This year's FMF was attended by over 4000 delegates. The objectives of the **One Health** session were: to understand the **One Health approach** and how it can apply to and improve family medicine practice; to recognise clinical situations and utilise strategies for implementing **One Health in family medicine**; and to appreciate that the health of families is intimately connected to the human-animal-ecosystem interface. This session served as a means to highlight the importance of **One Health in clinical practice**, and to engage family medicine practitioners in Canada. The session was reported to have gone "extremely well," and was attended by over 30 family physicians, students and residents.

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