

## PHC's new renal program director

Warren Hart is not the type who likes to hang around in the same job for too long.

So after 11 years as director of medical affairs for Providence Health Care (PHC) – his longest spell at any job to now – he was ready for a change. And when he heard that long-time PHC renal program director Lee Clark was retiring, he saw an opportunity he couldn't resist. He applied for the position and was hired, starting May 3 in his new job.



Although he has no previous experience in renal care, Warren's 20 years of health care administration at PHC will serve him well in his new role.

"I'm excited and looking forward to getting started," said Warren, in the middle of packing up his old office a few days before moving into his new one.

Although he faces a pretty steep learning curve, Warren says he spent a fair bit of time with Lee before she left, to get a handle on the big issues. And he's counting on support from the people around him as he grows into his role: "I understand there's a very strong team in place and a community of very dedicated renal care workers."

Warren started his career in health care as a hospital pharmacist in Saskatchewan. In 1989 he completed a Masters degree in health administration at the University of Alberta and promptly moved to Vancouver for a position at St. Paul's Hospital. After a year he became director of support services for the hospital, and later filled a number of other roles before accepting a leadership position in medical affairs.

"That job was challenging and interesting and every day was different, but after 11 years a little voice in my head started to tell me it was time for a change," says Warren.

In his time away from work, Warren and his wife Diane, who works at BC Children's Hospital, enjoy travelling in Europe and keeping physically fit – Diane by running, and Warren by playing racquetball twice a week.

"We also both enjoy wine, although I'm not sure I'd call that a hobby," says Warren with a chuckle.

He and Diane plan to combine their interests in travel and wine with a visit to California's Napa Valley next fall.