

NOSM University
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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Lily DeMiglio, MD PhD CCFP
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Rural Family Physician



Dr. DeMiglio is a rural family physician based in Marathon, Ontario, but her roots trace back to Sault Ste. Marie. Over the past five years, she has been caring for patients at the Marathon Family Health Team and Wilson Memorial General Hospital. She also serves as an Investigating Coroner in the Northwestern region of Ontario.

A graduate of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Dr. DeMiglio completed degrees in Psychology as well as Health Studies, a Master's, a Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research, and a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funded Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) focused on how palliative care

services are delivered. Motivated by a passion for lifelong learning and a commitment to returning to Northern Ontario, she went on to study medicine at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U) in Thunder Bay, followed by residency training in Family Medicine and extra emergency medicine training at the University of Toronto.

Beyond her clinical practice, Dr. DeMiglio is deeply involved in research that focuses on how we can improve access to healthcare in the North, and how to better support the extraordinary professionals who choose to work here. She is also passionate about teaching the next generation of healthcare providers and was honoured to receive the NOSM U Teacher: Learner Nominated Award in 2022.

In addition to her day-to-day work Dr. DeMiglio gives back in many ways: she is on the board of the Marathon Family Health Team, serves as the physician lead for the Marathon Local Education Group and the Marathon Family Health Team Nursing and Physician Assistant Committee. Within NOSM U she serves as a member of the undergraduate Admissions Committee and the Committee to Support Student Professionalism.

For Dr. DeMiglio medicine is more than a job, it is an opportunity that blends learning, teamwork, and connection together in the most profound way. She is excited to share her story, demonstrating that every journey, no matter how winding, can lead to meaningful impact, personal growth, and deep connections with others when driven by passion and purpose.