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Dr. Leary has been practicing medicine since before you were born, but her work today is more relevant than ever. She graduated med school at Queen's University, Kingston and completed Family Medicine training in Prince George through UBC.

While her early practice was varied, including assisting in the OR, inpatient hospital rounds, teaching and a community office, Dr. Leary has focused her practice in mental health and addictions for more than a decade. She has had an interest in caring for the most marginalized and stigmatized populations since her time at the infamous Kingston Penitentiary...as a med student, of course!

Dr. Leary now divides her time between clinical work in community and hospital addictions medicine, and administrative roles at both Health Sciences North in Sudbury and at NOSM University. She is the Addictions Physician Lead for Operational Engagement at HSN, leading exciting system changes that are needed to respond to the realities of the opiate crisis and advocating for harm reduction strategies and anti-stigma education. She has recently taken on the role of Medical Director of Continuing Medical Education at NOSM in order to help enhance ongoing learning for physicians across the North.

In her spare time...because that IS important...she tries to get outdoors as much as possible and travel when allowed.