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Kudos for Quality at Your Community Hospital

Collingwood, ON

The Collingwood G&M Hospital has recently been awarded Accreditation status with Accreditation Canada following an intensive and rigorous on site evaluation of patient care delivery. An accreditation review is a voluntary process which the G&M Hospital undergoes every three years as part of its commitment to patient safety, continuous improvement, accountability and transparency. The G&M scored 96% after a three day survey looking at 31 required organizational practices such as patient identification, medication reconciliation, falls prevention and infection control.

All 455 staff members, as well as G&M volunteers and physicians were involved in gearing up for accreditation's thorough review and assessment of every aspect of the care and services they deliver. The goal is to measure in detail how the G&M stacks up against national standards for the delivery of health care to five municipalities and a very high volume of visitors to the Hospital. Accreditation is granted by Accreditation Canada, a national non-profit, independent organization.

Shelley Wells, new Chair of the G&M Hospital's Board of Trustees, says, "Accreditation plays a vital role in fostering quality health care at the G&M. Hospital accreditation is a recognized component to achieve a high standard of patient safety for residents and visitors to the G&M."

Accreditation is very much a team based process and the G&M's tireless team leader, Anita Chevalier says, "The process for an organization to be accredited is extremely rigorous. Our patient care teams continuously evaluate and change initiatives to ensure our care meets high quality standards. The assessment report that followed accreditation congratulated the Hospital on our excellent care and practices and highlighted the dedication of our staff, physicians and volunteers. The G&M is pleased to be recognized with our Accreditation award and will continue to ensure we meet these high standards in our provision of care to our communities."

Residents and visitors to Clearview Township, Wasaga Beach, Town of Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, and parts of Grey Highlands can be confident their community Hospital is working very hard to provide the best possible care and service when they need it most.



Photo Attached: G&M Staff, Physicians and Volunteers Celebrate!

If you have any questions about this release please contact Linda Davis, President and CEO, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at 444.8601, ext. 8200. For more information about the G&M and our recently released Report to the Community, we invite you to visit http://www.cgmhf.com/community_report.asp

Collingwood G&M Hospital (G&M) is a 72-bed hospital located in Collingwood, Ontario (approximately 90 minutes north of Toronto) that serves more than 60,000 permanent residents and 2.5 Million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and the Blue Mountains. The G&M is an acute care hospital providing emergency care, diagnostic services including lab, imaging and cardio respiratory therapy, as well as two inpatient units (medicine and surgery). In addition, the G&M also provides care in speciality areas including obstetrics, orthopaedics, intensive care and surgery. The Hospital also provides out patient care including dialysis and a wide range of clinics including mental health and rehabilitation services. The G&M continues to provide care close to home for our community and plays a key role as an integrated orthopaedic centre for our region. For more information please visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca and our Foundation website at www.cgmhf.com

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