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**G&M Hospital Welcomes New  
*Vice President Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer***

**Collingwood, ON**

Collingwood General & Marine Hospital ([www.cgmh.on.ca](http://www.cgmh.on.ca)) welcomes Norah Holder to the role of *Vice President Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer*.

“The role of VP Patient Services is a very key role in our organization and I’m very excited to have Norah on board. She has a great deal of nursing and management experience as well as strong interpersonal skills. In past roles, Norah has demonstrated her ability to implement new ideas and develop strong teams and we are looking forward to her contributions at the G&M,” said Linda Davis, President and CEO of the G&M Hospital.

Norah has held various positions over her twenty six year career, most recently as Director of Surgery, Infection, Prevention & Control, Complex Continuing Care, Rehabilitation and the Cancer Care Program at Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital. At Soldiers’, Ms. Holder was responsible for providing effective management of strategic, operational, administrative and academic components of a diverse portfolio which included leadership for 246 full time equivalent staff members and an annual operational budget of \$25.5 Million. Norah has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is completing a Masters of Nursing Program.

Regarded as a dynamic and action-oriented facilitator, Norah led an internal review of the strategic and operational components of the recently implemented Regional Complex Continuing Care program. She also led a Surgical Program team through a re-development project and program relocation to many new locations as they grew which led to improved patient care and quality of work life for staff/physicians and volunteers. Norah also has extensive experience with orthopaedic (bone) program initiatives such as hip and knee surgeries and hospital accreditation (a patient safety and quality initiative). Her strong relationship and results orientation make her an outstanding candidate for this challenging position at the G&M.

“I’m thrilled we’ll be moving soon to our new community. It’s exciting to be with a healthcare organization with tremendous community support. I look forward to getting to better know the G&M staff, physicians and volunteers and our community,” said Norah.

Norah and her husband Bob are in the process of relocating to the Wasaga Beach area from Orillia.

The senior management team at the G&M Hospital is comprised of Linda Davis, President and CEO, Norah Holder, Vice President Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Anne Engell, Chief of Staff and Steve Soychak, Vice President, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer.

**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, 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](http://www.cgmh.on.ca) and our Foundation website at [www.cgmhf.com](http://www.cgmhf.com)

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**(Attached) Photo Caption:**

G&M Hospital Vice President of Patient Services & Chief Nursing Officer **Norah Holder**.

If you have any questions about this release or would like to arrange an interview, please contact Linda Davis, President and CEO, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at 444.8601, ext. 8200.

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