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G&M Hospital Responds to Dialysis Patient Concerns

Collingwood, ON

Linda Davis, G&M Hospital President & CEO released the following statement today in response to media coverage of local dialysis patient concerns with the growing patient wait list for service in Collingwood.

“We have been aware that the number of patients waiting for dialysis at the G&M has increased during the past year. This is not a unique situation for us, we have been challenged by growing wait lists in the past and have worked to expand services,” states Linda Davis.

“In response to our growing wait list we have held discussions in the past year with the Regional Kidney Care Program located in Orillia (of which we are a satellite) and the Ontario Renal Network. Through their support, we submitted a proposal in October 2010 to obtain funding to open the remaining available dialysis spots on our evening shift.”

“This proposal requests funding for additional staff to open the four remaining patient spots at the G&M on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. This will address some but not all of the Collingwood wait list, as our current facility cannot accommodate additional dialysis stations. Any further increase to the number of patient spots available can only be accommodated through a major expansion of the G&M’s facility.”

“We continue to work with the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to help them understand the growing need for dialysis and other patient care services close to home. We are pleased to have the support of our MPP, Jim Wilson in this endeavour.”

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If you have any questions about this release please contact Linda Davis, President & CEO, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at 444.8601 extension #8200.

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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