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Kingston's university hospitals leading the way in health-care innovation

Kingston's university hospitals are showcasing their leadership, creativity and innovation in health-care renewal at the Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo at the Metropolitan Convention Centre in Toronto on April 22, 2008.

This year, six submissions developed by Kingston General Hospital (KGH), Providence Care, Hotel Dieu Hospital (HDH) and Queen's University were among those selected from over 400 entries to participate in the exhibition, representing five of the six themes identified as having the greatest benefit to quality care for patients.

The titles and them categories for this year's Kingston hospitals exhibits include:

- Regional Emergency Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Program (*Meeting Community Needs through Integrated Care*)
- Improving the Care of Stable Inpatients Transferred between Acute Sites (*Improving Quality and Patient Safety*)
- Wireless Voice Communication Enhances Patient Safety and Saves Staff Time (*Improving Efficiency through Process Redesign*)
- Easing the Burden in Joint Replacement Clinics: Enhanced Use of Physiotherapy (*Improving Efficiency through Process Redesign*)
- A Comprehensive Approach to Wait List/Access Management (*Innovations in Health Information Management*)
- Mobile Interprofessional Coaching Team: Focus on Senior's Mental Health (*Innovations in Health Promotion*)

"The level of commitment and person-hours invested for care providers to develop systemic improvements is an excellent illustration of the dedication and knowledge that exists at our facilities," explains Dr. Peter Munt, KGH Chief of Staff, and professor with the Department of Medicine and Associate Dean of Health Institutions & Regional Liaison, Faculty of Health Sciences at Queen's. "The fact that submissions from our hospitals represent such a wide spectrum of services, including mental health, rehabilitation, scheduled procedures and emergency care, as well as improved communications and administration, further

exemplifies the holistic and high quality of care available in southeastern Ontario.”

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the province’s Local Health Integration Networks, the annual showcase is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work of Ontario’s health care providers to improve health care through creative, effective solutions and initiatives. The expo is also an opportunity for health-care professionals to share innovations and new ideas.

“With the current resource limitations, innovation has become the cornerstone in successfully restructuring the health care system,” states Georgina Thompson, Chair of the South East Local Health Integration Network. “The ingenuity and leadership our hospitals have demonstrated to improve patient care and access, efficiency and communication have a significant and positive impact on the quality of health care in this region, as well as across the province.”

The highlight of the day’s celebration will be the Minister’s Award Ceremony, where the provincial Minister of Health will announce award recipients for each of the six categories. In addition, a new “People’s Choice Award” will be presented on nominations by participants and attendees. All award recipients will receive a \$20,000 cash prize in recognition of their important contribution towards health-care renewal in the province.

Additional information about the expo and participating organizations is available on the MOHLTC website at www.health.gov.on.ca

Working together, Kingston’s hospitals provide a continuum of specialized health care in this region. Our teaching hospitals offer leading-edge clinical care, pioneering research and outstanding teaching opportunities through their affiliation with Queen’s University. These dynamic partnerships translate into quality patient care for our community.

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