

Stevenson Memorial Hospital
Report of the Chief of Staff to the Annual General Meeting
June 17th, 2014

Quality, patient-centred care has always been the cornerstone for Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Our dedicated team of physicians, nurses and allied health professionals is highly motivated to continuously improve patient care, and this is reflected in some of the innovative quality programs undertaken in 2013-14.

Chief of Emergency Department

It has been a year of transition and that will continue in 2014/15, with the position of Chief of Emergency being posted in the fall, with the goal of recruiting and mentoring a new individual by March 31, 2015. The new chief of Emergency will start on April 1, 2015.

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) changes

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ihab Khalil as Vice President of the Medical Staff and community representative on the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC). Dr. Khalil is taking over for Dr. Izabella Kogan who has resigned the VP role and Dr. Brian Swarbreck who stepped down from the role on MAC. Thank you to both of them for their years of dedicated service and commitment to Stevenson and our patients.

Chief of Family Medicine

Hospitalist Dr. Liesbet Jansen has tendered her resignation from the role of the Chief of Family Medicine and will continue to provide in-patient services as a Hospitalist. We have received several excellent applicants and Dr. Jansen will mentor the new Chief over the summer until he or she takes over the role on September 1, 2014.

Operating Theatres and Peri-Operative

A revamping of the peri-operative program and the surgical program is underway in order to make the service more cost effective in light of coming funding changes by the Ministry of Health. The plan is to streamline operating room time into blocks that can be booked months in advance and traded amongst the physicians in order to achieve maximum utilization and efficiency. Dr. Morrie Liquornik, Chief of Surgery, is tirelessly working with management to finalize this process aiming to have it in place September 1, 2014.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

With the departure of Dr. Andy Narine in January, Dr. Richard Simms has stepped up his involvement and reduced the need for locum coverage. We continue efforts to recruit another Obstetrician to replace Dr. Narine, especially in the gynecology role.

Paediatrics

We wish to thank Dr. Trevor Hunt for the tireless effort he has put into providing 24-hour a day service to Stevenson Memorial Hospital for over 30 years. He truly is irreplaceable and has been sorely missed since he retired last year. A core group of physicians, mostly from ER, cover newborn care and the most-responsible-physician role while recruitment efforts continue for a new paediatrician.

Recruitment and Retention

With the resignation of the Physician Recruiter, the Chief of Staff assumed the role of the primary recruiter and will be active with the community partners to continue to actively recruit and retain physicians in the community and at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. I will continue to work with the Alliston and Area Physician Recruitment Committee to promote the hospital and the Alliston area.

I am excited to continue developing my management and human-resource skills. I have attended several workshops in Physician Leadership and will continue my course work to complete the diploma offered by the Canadian Medical Association in Physician Leadership and Management.

Respectfully submitted



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