

STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Report of the Interim Chief of Staff to the Annual General Meeting
June 19, 2012

As Chief of the “Professional Staff” – doctors, dentists, and midwives, our role is to assure that patient care at Stevenson Memorial Hospital remains at a “professional” level. In this context, 2011-2012 has been a good year. The number of doctors has increased by three. We now have two full time hospitalists, two full time obstetricians, as well as outpatient clinics with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, nephrologist and thoracic surgeon. We now have a new Chief of Family Medicine and a new Chief of Anaesthesiology. There is also a new President of the Medical Staff. Still, more appointments are anticipated for 2012.

Thanks to the doctors and nurses in the Emergency Department, “wait times” have been dramatically reduced. Thanks to the physicians and staff in the Medical Department, in-patient length of stay has been shortened. Thanks to the physician and staff in the Radiology Department, x ray results are now available more efficiently. Thanks to Administration’s monumental efforts, a pilot project is now in place to have hip fractures referred out directly from the Emergency Department.

All these time improvements have allowed the hospital to handle greater volumes of Emergency patients in what remains a critically limited space.

A number of polices have been enhanced this past year to track and evaluate the “quality” of patient care from patient satisfaction surveys to readmission rates to complication rates. All of these enhanced policies will stand us in good stead for our Accreditation which will come this fall.

But perhaps the most exciting development is the continued progress of what has been termed “clinical integration”. This allows the exploration of areas where one might develop partnerships and collaboration so that our patients and families have more expedient access to those clinical services not expected or available at Stevenson Memorial such as MRI, interventional diagnostic tests, broader range of specialist doctors and tests. This partnership requires careful evaluation of the services available at the referral hospital of the resources there – namely expertise, staffing, space, equipment, etc. We look forward to ensuring that Stevenson provides first rate, high quality and safe service to its community.

Respectfully submitted,



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