

Stevenson Memorial Hospital
Report of the Chief of Staff to the Annual General Meeting
June 16, 2015

Quality, patient-centred care has always been the cornerstone for Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH). 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 2014-15.

Chief of Emergency Department

Dr. Matthew Myatt began his new role as Chief of Emergency Medicine on April 1, 2015, bringing many positive ideas for ongoing quality improvements within the Emergency Department (ED). Despite fiscal restraints and increased patient screening due to Ebola concerns, the ED has remained #2 in the province for wait times since August 2013. This is an impressive accomplishment and we thank the department for all of their hard work and diligence.

Chief of Family Medicine

Dr. Shazia Ambreen began her new role as Chief of Family Medicine on September 1, 2014 and has since participated on various committees bringing strong leadership to the department and innovative quality improvement plans. Dr. Ambreen has also been nominated for the Dr. MacIntyre Award for Excellence; awarded annually to a local physician who has distinguished themselves in the community and in medicine through dedication and excellence. Congratulations Dr. Ambreen.

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) changes

There have been many positive additions to the MAC this year; we are pleased to welcome the following members:

- Dr. Shazia Ambreen - Chief of Family Medicine
- Dr. Matthew Myatt - Chief of ED
- Marcia Rowat - Midwifery representation
- Dr. Charles Ye - Pathology representation
- Dr. Richard Simms - OBS representation

Thank you to all members of the MAC for your dedicated service and commitment to Stevenson and our patients.

Medical Staff Association (MSA) Update

The MSA continues to show their support for the hospital and the community through programs such as the Banting High School annual bursaries as well as their participation in various meetings and discussions surrounding redevelopment planning for the Hospital. Input from the Medical Staff has been an integral part of the redevelopment process as we continue to work through the various stages of this project. With Dr. Stephen Tomini completing his term as the MSA President, the committee is now accepting nominations for fall 2015. Thank you Dr. Tomini for your dedicated service to the Medical Staff of SMH.

Operating Theatres and Peri-Operative

A revamping of the peri-operative and surgical programs began spring of 2014 and I am pleased to report many improvements within the program both in quality as well as fiscally. Through streamlining operating room time into blocks to achieve maximum utilization and increased communications with the surgeons, efficiencies have been realized. A big thank you to Dr. Morrie Liquornik, Chief of Surgery and the entire OR Management team for their tireless work this year.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr. Richard Simms has again shown strong commitment and support to the Maternal Child Program over the past year, he is an invaluable member of our team. We also thank our Locum Tenens OBS physicians for stepping up to provide safe, quality care to our patients. I am excited to announce efforts to recruit a full-time Obstetrician have been successful with a new OB scheduled to begin her practice here at Stevenson beginning fall 2015.

Paediatrics

We wish to thank Dr. Trevor Hunt for his dedicated service to SMH for over 30 years; providing 24-hour a day service. His return to practice this past February has been very exciting for the hospital and for the community. We are very grateful for his continued support and mentorship as we work towards recruiting an additional Paediatrician; it is truly appreciated.

Recruitment and Retention

Active recruitment and retention of physicians for this community and SMH has continued over the past year with the assistance of the Alliston and Area Physician Recruitment Committee. Promoting this hospital and the Alliston area will remain a priority over the next year as to ensure community members have the services they require close to home.

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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