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**Carleton Place Hospital implementing new Information System**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is in the process of implementing a new information system – Medical Information Technology, Inc. (Meditech) - which will improve efficiency and patient care. The new system offers a series of clinical, financial and administrative applications for use in the healthcare settings and will be implemented throughout the hospital in three phases. When implementation is complete, the hospital will have one of the most sophisticated clinical information systems available today.

“Meditech allows for better functionality within the hospital and will greatly improve on our current information system which is no longer able to meet our needs,” stated Valerie Sherrard, Manager of Health Information & Support Services and Meditech Project Manager. “With Meditech there will be a reduction in the amount of paperwork, an elimination of some of the hospital’s manual processes and better integration between departments. Overall the system will operate much smoother than what we currently have in place.”

“During the evaluation process, we were presented with the option of partnering with the Queensway Carleton Hospital (QCH) and sharing their Meditech system,” stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. “As we continued to review the software systems available, it became obvious that Meditech would suit our needs quite well and past experience has shown that working with Queensway is a positive experience.”

CPDMH and QCH has a long history of successful partnerships with QCH currently providing purchasing services to CPDMH as well as laboratory services and the associated information system.

“The driving force in the decision to implement Meditech was to provide our patients with the best healthcare possible,” continued Mr. Gagne. “We believe that if working with another organization, such as Queensway, helps improve the care we provide to our community, then it’s a step in the right direction.”

Meditech will be implemented using a team approach with both CPDMH and QCH providing leadership and team resources. In April 1, 2007, the CPDMH plans to go ‘live’ with Phase 1 of the implementation of Meditech which includes patient registration, finance, materials management and radiology. Phase 2 will occur in the fall of 2007 and includes order entry, pharmacy and patient care inquiry. The implementation of Phase 3, which includes clinical documentation, will occur in early 2008.

“The next few months will be a challenge for the hospital and our staff as we train and prepare for Meditech”, continued Mrs. Sherrard. “We hope our patients will bear with us as we go

through this process and, while we are anticipating a few glitches, we expect that disruption will be minimal.”

The implementation of Meditech is just one step forward that CPDMH will be making in 2007. Later this year the hospital plans to implement a Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS) for the X-ray Department.

“The next year will be a very busy time for us but it was important for us to move forward and put both of these systems into place”, continued Mr. Gagne. “The end result will be an improvement in the day to day operations in our facility and overall better patient care.”

With a client base of more than 1,700 healthcare organizations throughout the world, located primarily in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, Meditech is a software and services company serving the health care community. In business since 1969, the company employs over 2,000 people and had revenues of \$256 million (US) in 2002.

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