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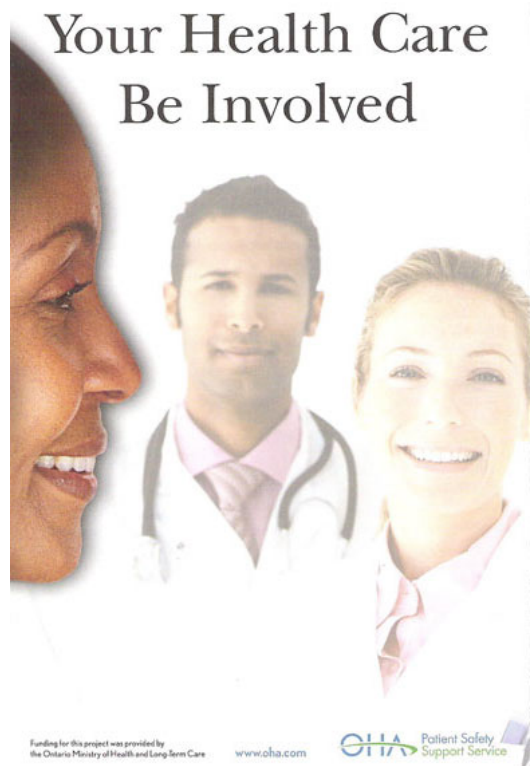
Carleton Place Hospital Joins in Patient Information Campaign

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is joining the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) in encouraging patients throughout Ontario to play a larger role in managing their health care and participated in the province wide launch of "Your Health Care – Be Involved" on September 13.

Created by the OHA's Patient Safety Support Service, with funding from Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the information campaign is designed to empower patients, enhance patient safety and promote better health outcomes by bringing the advice and expertise of health professionals together in five easy-to-understand "tips" for patients to use in any healthcare setting.

The five "tips" are:

1. Be involved in your health care. Speak up if you have questions or concerns about your care.
2. Tell a member of your health care team about your past illnesses and your current health condition.
3. Bring all of your medicines with you when you go to the hospital or to a medical appointment.
4. Tell a member of your health care team if you have ever had an allergic or bad reaction to any medicine or food.
5. Make sure you know what to do when you go home from the hospital or from your medical appointment.



“In recent years there has been a stronger emphasis on patient safety and we are hoping this initiative will provide a structure for patients to become involved and a little more accountable for their own safety and well being”, stated Norine Primeau-Menzies, AED Patient Services. “This campaign is an opportunity for the everyone, including the patient, to work together to improve the communication and information available to the healthcare team and in return, to the patient. We are looking forward to putting these tools into practice.”

CPDMH has received "Your Health Care – Be Involved" materials, including tips brochures, "What I Need To Know Before I Go Home" forms, posters, wallet cards, and a DVD infomercial for use during in-hospital television programming. These materials, and the infomercial, are also at the OHA website at available under Patient Safety Programs at www.oha.com.

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