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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place Hospital Receives Top Mars from Accreditation Canada!

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is thrilled to announce that it has received *Full Accreditation* from Accreditation Canada following its survey in June, 2009. Full accreditation status, the highest level achievable, is achieved by only 1 in 5 health care facilities without additional follow-up, with very few of those organizations being small hospitals like CPDMH. The other possible designations are Accreditation with Report, Accreditation with a Focused Visit and Non Accreditation.

“I am absolutely delighted with the results we received from our peer review survey held in June of this year. This is a great accomplishment and is a testament to the hard work and diligence of everyone involved with our organization”, stated Malcolm Robinson, CEO of CPDMH. “I would like to offer my sincere appreciation and congratulations to everyone involved, including the Board of Trustees, physicians, managers, clinical staff, support staff and volunteers.”

In the preliminary report by Accreditation Canada, CPDMH was praised for its demonstration of quality patient care and safety in all areas, for the cleanliness and good maintenance of its physical building and for the overall excellence of hospital staff. The hospital was also commended for its solid management, good governance, and financial stewardship that resulted in past designations as the most efficient hospital in Ontario. The report also noted CPDMH’s excellence in required organizational practices and remarked positively on the redevelopment plan in place to build a new facility.

As the report continued, it remarked on the constraints faced by staff in providing care in the current facility. The areas for concern related to patient flow through the operating room, emergency department and diagnostic imaging as well as lack of wheelchair accessible bathrooms on the inpatient unit.

“We know that our current facility has some limitations and we were expecting the accreditation team to remark on those issues,” continued Mr. Robinson. “However, these issues are difficult if not impossible to resolve without a new hospital. That being said, I am extremely proud of the care we provide to the community and I would like to thank our staff for the wonderful work they do on a daily basis.”

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