



WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BEST CARE Q&A

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Almonte General Hospital (AGH) and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) have a history of collaboration - working together to provide the best care close to home for our local communities. The two hospitals are now taking that collaboration to a new level.

WHY NOW?

The goal is to look for new ways to improve each patient's overall health care experience. We want to improve accessibility, quality, coordination and resource utilization.

Today's health systems are complex, communities are changing and we need to find ways to improve access and quality without increasing cost.

This is a win-win relationship. Our visions are aligned and we already have some shared services such as joint human resources staff and a pharmacy automation system.

WHO IS LEADING THE DISCUSSIONS?

A Steering Committee, comprised of leaders from both hospitals, has been created. They have set some guiding principles to lead the discussions.

WHAT HAPPENS FIRST?

To begin, they will look at the health needs of local communities and the services currently offered. From there, they will work together to ensure that those needs are met through a strong, coordinated system of care.

WILL I BE INVOLVED?

Yes. We want to engage our staff, physicians, community leaders, our health care partners and local residents in the discussions. We are just getting started but we will be involving everyone.

IS THIS A MERGER?

No. The hospitals will remain as two separate corporations.

WILL THIS COLLABORATION RESULT IN REDUCED SERVICES OR STAFF CUTS?

The collaboration is not about reducing services or reducing staff. It is about finding approaches to enhance the range of services in our local communities.

HOW WILL I FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON?

Both organizations will provide updates about their progress, and will engage stakeholders. Watch for updates in hospital communications and on both hospital websites.

HOW DO I PROVIDE INPUT AND FEEDBACK?

We value your feedback. If you have any comments, please contact Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO, Almonte General Hospital at 613-256-2512 ext. 2220 or by email at mwilsonrider@agh-fvm.com or Toni Surko, CEO, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital at 613-257-2200 ext. 825 or by email at tsurko@carletonplacehosp.com