

TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS CELEBRATES NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

Receives international designation from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

May 9, 2017 – (Mississauga, ON) –Trillium Health Partners (THP) is proud to recognize its more than 3,800 incredible nurses during National Nursing Week. This year's theme **#YESThisIsNursing**, draws attention to the expanding traditional and non-traditional roles, settings and sectors nurses work in each and every day.

THP kicked off the week with Nurse of the Year Award ceremonies, where more than 90 nurses received an award for their leadership, teamwork and the exceptional care they provide to patients and families in our community.

This year, THP is celebrating its re-designation as a Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO) for 2017-2019 from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO). This international distinction recognizes THP's commitment to clinical excellence serving patients and families in Mississauga and West Toronto.

On Thursday, May 11, THP will host a panel presentation on BPSO best practices and to discuss the importance of partnering with patients and families in designing how the hospital delivers care in specific areas, such as caring for older adults with dementia and managing end-of-life care.

Quick Facts

- THP received its first Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO) designation from the RNAO in 2015. The designation is internationally recognized and reviewed every two years to ensure an organization's commitment to best clinical practices.
 - The RNAO's Best Practice Guidelines Program is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and was launched in 1999 to provide the best available evidence for patient care across a wide range of health care settings.
 - Best Practice Guidelines currently implemented by THP include:
 - Breastfeeding
 - Developing and sustaining Nursing Leadership
 - Assessment and Management of Pain
 - Reducing Foot Complications for People with Diabetes
 - Prevention of Falls and Fall Injuries in the Older Adult
 - Integrating Smoking Cessation into Daily Nursing Practice
 - Assessment and Management of Stage I and IV Pressure Ulcers
 - Care Giving Strategies for Older Adults with Delirium, Dementia and Depression*
 - End of Life Care During the Last Days and Hours*
 - Preventing and Managing Violence in the Workplace*
- *Added in 2015*

Quotes

“Nursing Week is about celebrating the important role that nurses play in delivering high quality, patient-centred care every day. Receiving the BPSO designation renewal this year truly speaks to the commitment of our health care teams to create an exceptional experience for our patients. Thank you to our dedicated nurses for the vital role that you play in creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community.”

Kathryn Hayward-Murray

Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Executive
Trillium Health Partners

“I commend Trillium Health Partners for its commitment to implementing and sustaining RNAO's best practice guidelines. It is a role model for other acute care hospitals interested in improving patient health outcomes, organizational efficiency and cost effectiveness. I am so proud of the dedicated and knowledgeable nursing staff and I congratulate Trillium on its re-designation as a Best Practice Spotlight Organization.”

Valerie Grdisa, Director, Best Practice Guidelines Program, RNAO

“Part of my work on THP's patient and family council included advising the hospital on how best to support patients and families nearing the end of life. I know the guidelines added in 2015 will help support family members understand and prepare for what is next, as they near the end of their life. After the loss of my mother, it became clear to me that these resources are invaluable and that we need to continue to empower patients and their families.”

Terry Lord

Patient and Family Advisory Council Member
Trillium Health Partners

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About Trillium Health Partners

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

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