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## **TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS OPENS NEW REGIONAL NEPHROLOGY CLINIC**

*Patients with chronic kidney disease now have better and faster access to the care they need, closer to home*

(Mississauga, ON) – Today, Trillium Health Partners (THP) announced the opening of a new Regional Nephrology Clinic. The new clinic, located at Credit Valley Hospital, is designed to make it easier for patients with chronic kidney disease to access the care they need, faster and close to home. The clinic's simple and convenient referral process supports early detection and prevention which is critical to slowing the progression of chronic kidney disease and delaying the need for dialysis.

"The Regional Nephrology Clinic is really focused on getting our patients the best possible care at the right time," said Dr. David Perkins, Division Head, Nephrology, Medical Director, Regional Chronic Kidney Disease Program, Trillium Health Partners. "We know that patients with chronic kidney disease benefit from being seen by a specialist early in the onset of their disease. By making it easier for primary care providers to refer their patients to the clinic, and for patients and their families to get the care, education, and support they need, we are helping to improve the quality of care and treatment they receive, as well as slowing the progression of the disease."

The clinic's health care team includes nurses and nephrologists (physicians who specialize in the treatment of kidney disease) and incorporates best practices in chronic disease management, including prevention and self-management education. The clinic is also aligned with the Ontario Renal Network (ORN), the provincial government's advisor on renal care in Ontario. ORN provides overall leadership and strategic direction to organize and manage the delivery of dialysis and chronic kidney disease services in Ontario.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this level of care to our community. The Regional Nephrology Clinic supports our strategic direction by focusing on the health care needs of a significant and growing portion of our patient population – those dealing with chronic disease," said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners. "The new clinic is an important step in helping us to realize our mission of a new kind of health care for a healthier community."

The Regional Nephrology Clinic is located on the main floor (Level 2) of the Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre and Ambulatory Care building at Credit Valley Hospital. The clinic phone number is 905.813.3951.

### **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. Trillium Health Partners is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

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