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TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS DESIGNATED BEST PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION BY REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

(Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners (THP) has been designated a Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO) by the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO), an internationally recognized distinction, and an important milestone in the hospital's mission to deliver a new kind of health care for a healthier community.

"The BPSO designation is the culmination of a three year journey that we began as a newly merged organization," said Trillium Health Partners' President and CEO, Michelle DiEmanuele. "This work is about patients, it is about providing superior quality and employing best practice but most importantly, it is about being better together."

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. Health-care facilities that successfully implement multiple guidelines receive special recognition from RNAO as BPSO. Trillium Health Partners was one of 13 organizations in Ontario to receive the distinction this year.

"Our BPSO work has been integral to providing quality, accessible and sustainable care to our patients, their families and our community. Over 3,300 nurses and 1,500 allied health professionals at Trillium Health Partners have worked together to implement Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs)," said Trillium Health Partners' Chief Nursing Executive, Kathryn Hayward-Murray.

Trillium Health Partners' Best Practice Guidelines include:

- Reduction of Foot Complications for People with Diabetes
- Assessment and Management of Pain
- Breastfeeding Guidelines for Nurses
- Assessment and Management of Decubitus (Pressure) Ulcers
- Smoking Cessation
- Prevention of Falls and Injurious Falls
- Nursing/Leadership Development

"The implementation of these BPGs is a way for us to elevate and continuously improve the work that we do and the patient care that we provide. We have already seen some incredible results, including: a dramatic reduction in patient falls, the introduction of standardized pain management tools across the organization, a hospital-wide ulcer management program, and over 100 graduates from our leadership program," said Hayward-Murray. "The BPSO designation is a testament to our commitment to provide our patients with an exceptional experience and the highest quality care across all three of our hospital sites."

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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