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MEDICAL EDUCATION IS EXPANDING AT TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Hospital shows commitment to the future of health care; clerks begin providing supervised patient care

(Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners announced today that its medical education program is expanding as part of the hospital's commitment to the future of health care in Mississauga and West Toronto. Beginning September 9, 2013, the first group of third-year medical students (known as clerks) from the University of Toronto's Mississauga Academy of Medicine will begin their clinical, hands-on training at the hospital under the guidance and supervision of physicians.

"As a learning organization we know that to improve today's health care system we must invest in our future physicians," said Dr. Norm Hill, Vice President, Medical Education, Trillium Health Partners. "Having clerks participate in patient care helps provide the essential experience they need to become competent and skilled health care professionals. The opportunity to work directly with our patients and their families is a critical part of preparing our students to meet the future health care needs of our community."

"The Mississauga Academy of Medicine is a wonderful asset to our community," said Mayor Hazel McCallion. "It is providing medical students with a one of a kind learning opportunity and encouraging them to help to shape the future of our health care delivery."

In 2007, Trillium Health Partners announced its partnership with the University of Toronto to provide education to undergraduate medical students from the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM). Over the past two years, first and second year students have received training in a classroom setting. In their third and fourth years of study, medical students learn in clinical settings such as hospitals, physician offices and community practices, taking part in direct, hands-on patient care under the supervision of a licensed physician. Patients who visit Trillium Health Partners or the hospital's affiliated Family Medicine Teaching Units may have a medical student involved in their care. Residents and other learners, such as nurses and allied health students, may also be involved in patient care. Through its rewarding partnership with the University of Toronto Mississauga, Trillium Health Partners is investing in the sustainability of health care in this community, and increasing access to health care by training the next generation of physicians needed both in our community and in our province.

"Our Academy, an integrated campus site of the Faculty of Medicine University of Toronto, along with our partner the University of Toronto Mississauga, is now very pleased to be moving forward with this next stage of our medical education program," said Dr. Pamela Coates, Academy Director, Mississauga Academy of Medicine. "MAM is an innovative partnership that makes a significant contribution to the hospital's commitment to the future of health care in this community. It encourages our medical students to remain in the community where they are taught, enriching the health science network in Mississauga."

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Trillium Health Partners is a learning organization committed to the delivery of high-quality, patient-centred care. In addition to medical learners, Trillium Health Partners will welcome more than 2000 learners this September from other health care disciplines coming from more than 60 colleges, universities and training institutes. Trillium Health Partners is proud to welcome the 53 medical students from the Mississauga Academy of Medicine.

“I chose to study at the Mississauga Academy of Medicine so that I could get the experience of the University of Toronto curriculum with more of a community feel,” said Nadia Salvo, third year medical student. “Trillium Health Partners has a great reputation and I was looking to receive my training in a setting less traditional than major academic centres.”

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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