

CEO Update October 2015

This update will touch on a few different initiatives and news I would like to share with you.

Strategic Plan

The existing Strategic Plan with the slogan of 'Quality Care with Pride' is at the end of its cycle and ends in 2016. This necessitates a new plan to be developed that will guide us through 2016 to 2021. I, along with the senior management team have begun the planning process with discussions centered around a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis. We will also be working with the Board of Directors and managers as well as seeking input from staff to further develop the plan. Stay tuned on this.

Flu Shot

It's that time once again...flu season is here. We encourage everyone, especially health care workers and seniors to get their flu shot as it's the best defense to prevent and alleviate flu symptoms. The Employee Health department makes it easy to get your flu shot with their travelling clinic. Please refer to the Flu Clinic Schedule located under the News and Events section on the Intranet to find out when and where you can get your flu shot.

Budget

We are currently working on the Hospital budget which will be balanced for year end. This is a team effort and we would like to thank staff for their hard work and cooperation in helping us reach a balanced position.

Ongoing Foundation and Auxiliary Support

The senior management team and I would like to thank the Foundation for their exceptional ongoing support in the urgent replacement of capital equipment for the Hospital. A recent example of this is a purchase of ophthalmological hand pieces for the cataract program which will greatly aid the surgeon. Another example is a partnership with the Cardiac Arrest Program to increase quality and patient safety. A plan is being developed to enhance and replace the cardiac defibrillators. This will enable increased standardization of the cardiac arrest equipment.

The Breast Wellness Centre officially opened its doors on October 20th and on behalf of the Board of Directors and senior management team I thanked the donors and community partners for their continued support over the years that made it a reality. We also thanked the Foundation for their dedication and commitment in their fundraising campaigns. The Centre offers the best modern, patient centered care possible and will provide shorter wait times, coordination of care and information and support. If you have not had a chance to see the new Centre I encourage you to stop by.

We would also like to thank the Auxiliary for their continued fundraising efforts for much needed capital

equipment. As you may be aware, the Hospital does not get funding for such equipment and without their support and efforts the funds would not be available for replacements. For that we truly thank you.

Parking System

We went live with the new parking system October 19th; the management team and I thank you all for your patience and cooperation. It is going well, however; a change such as this is not without its issues and we continue to address them as they arise. This was implemented to generate revenue that will aid in the maintenance costs associated with repair and snow removal and will allow us to direct more funding to patient services.

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