



MEDIA ADVISORY

Week Shines Spotlight on Nurses at The Scarborough Hospital

Nurses at The Scarborough Hospital are gearing up for several scheduled events in recognition of National Nursing Week, including tours by two local MPPs for 'Take Your MPP to Work Day'.

This year's theme for Nursing Week, which runs from May 11 to 17, is 'Nursing: You Can't Live Without It'. Many of TSH's 1,543 nurses at both campuses will participate in several lunch-and-learn programs on subjects such as what's new in nephrology, mental health checkup, the benefits of being at nurse at TSH and a poster presentation on the Code Stemi project.

The weeklong celebration will also provide an opportunity to welcome TSH's new Chief Nurse Executive, Joy Richards, whose reputation as a nursing leader is well regarded in the Canadian healthcare system.

"The backbone of any healthcare organization is its nurses," says Dr. Richards. "It is the nurse who is with patients 24/7. It is nurse's critical thinking and professional knowledge that often makes the difference between timely treatment, best clinical outcomes – even life and death.

"I am proud to be a nurse, and I am even more proud to be a TSH nurse."

The events also come on the heels of an announcement last week that TSH scored the highest compliance rates for hand hygiene of any hospital in Ontario, something TSH President and CEO Dr. John Wright says reflects the commitment and dedication of TSH nurses and all staff.

"Nurses' voices count, nurses' professionalism is vital, and their impact is invaluable," Dr. Wright says. "Together, as TSH's nurses learn about and execute best clinical practices, use their critical thinking skills, work collaboratively with all professional partners, and engage patients' voices about what matters to them, TSH will soar to new heights."

Photo opportunities include TSH tours by MPPs Brad Duguid (Scarborough Centre) and Gerry Phillips (Scarborough-Agincourt).

Brad Duguid

Gerry Phillips

When: Monday, May 11, 3:30 to 4:30

Thursday, May 14, 8:30 to 9:30

Where: General campus

Grace campus

The Scarborough Hospital (TSH), Canada's largest urban community hospital, delivers innovative, high quality patient care, advocates for our community's health and wellness issues, and is a leader in research, teaching and learning. TSH is a regional treatment centre for dialysis and is renowned for its sexual assault care centre and mental health programs. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, TSH is also a referral centre for vascular surgery, pacemakers and corneal implants.

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