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Campbellford Memorial Hospital Declares Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) Outbreak Over

Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is pleased to announce today an end to the VRE outbreak declared on February 27, 2017.

CMH laboratory has identified that the baseline VRE colonization rate amongst its patient population is normal. An outbreak occurs when there is an increase in the rate of new cases over the baseline rate in a healthcare setting. As per provincial guidelines, CMH initiated our outbreak protocol and mitigated any further increases in rate of colonization.

“At this time we would like to thank our patients and visitors as well as our physicians and staff for their diligence and understanding during the outbreak,” says Brad Hilker, CEO of Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

The hospital follows best practices recommended by the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC), in areas such as,

- Having housekeeping staffing levels consistent with provincial guidelines
- Double-cleaning patient rooms and following cleaning protocols.
- Being vigilant in enforcing proper hand-washing among all hospital personnel, patients and hospital visitors.
- Hand wash stations are installed at the entrance to the hospital, near elevators and in all patient care areas to prevent the spread of infection.
- On-going education is provided to staff, visitors and patients on the importance of this practice.
- All patients are screened upon admission as per hospital policies.

CMH expects all staff and visitors to be diligent in practicing infection prevention and control practices including hand hygiene when visiting the hospital at any time. Frequent hand washing, particularly before and after patient contact, is mandatory and vital to reducing health-care associated infections.

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