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Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) Board Grants New Surgical Privileges to Ten Area Physicians

CAMPBELLFORD, ON – At Campbellford Memorial Hospital’s April 4 Board of Directors meeting, surgical privileges were granted to ten area general surgeons, enabling them to now perform surgery at CMH and have access to hospital resources to support their patients.

“This is good news for our patients as we are able to do more procedures closer to home here in the hospital for a broader community with the same or similar resources,” explains Brad Hilker, CMH’s President and CEO, adding: “Earlier this year, we adopted better scheduling practices to improve patient turnaround time. We also introduced best practices related to running a surgical program from other hospitals. As a result, we are completing more surgeries in less time and saving financial resources along the way. Since we have the staffing complement to run the Operating Room for five days a week, CMH staff can now offer their support to the work of additional surgical teams.”

“The community’s support in helping to raise more than \$124,000 in funds to support the hospital’s purchase of new surgical scopes such as colonoscopes and gastroscopes has also helped tremendously. With this new technology, we are able to treat more patients within a day,” adds Hilker.

These improvements mean that the hospital’s current surgeon Dr. Sue-Chue-Lam is able to support current surgical patient volumes within three days per week. This opens up two days per week of operating room time for other area surgeons to support their patients at CMH. The hospital Board granted privileges to operate at CMH to five general surgeons from Peterborough Regional Health Centre and to another five general surgeons who currently practice out of Quinte Health Care.

The hospital’s surgical suite is comprised of three units: the Operating Theatres, the Post-Anaesthetic Recovery Unit, and an eight-bed Surgical Day Care Unit. Surgeries are performed in many specialties including general surgery, urology, and dental services.

“Having access to CMH’s surgical unit will enable these physicians to reduce the wait times their patients experience today for a variety of procedures. This arrangement is another example of our hospital’s success in doing all we can to provide better value, access to care and quality care to the people who require our support,” says Hilker.

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Interview Opportunity: Dr. Lynn Mikula, one of the general surgeons granted privilege to operate at CMH is available for interviews on April 5, 2013. To arrange an interview or for more information, please contact:

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