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Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) Board Grants New Surgical Privileges to Two Orthopaedic Surgeons

CAMPBELLFORD, ON – Campbellford Memorial Hospital has offered privileges to two orthopaedic surgeons: Dr. Andrew Pickle, commencing September 5 and Dr. Daniel Steinitz, commencing September 26, 2014. The surgeons will be coming once or twice a month to perform minor orthopaedic procedures such as arthroscopy. Arthroscopy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure on a joint in which an examination and sometimes treatment of damage is performed using an arthroscope. Arthroscopy procedures can be performed to evaluate or treat many orthopaedic conditions including torn cartilage, torn surface cartilage, knee ligament reconstruction, and trimming damaged cartilage.

“Although arthroscopy is typically a minor procedure, patients often have to wait for months in pain to have their surgery. This is another initiative that supports Campbellford Memorial Hospital’s strategy to provide access to care closer to home. The orthopaedic surgeons are also exploring the possibility of using the out-patient clinic area to see Campbellford residents as well, prior to their surgery. This is good news for area patients as we continue to do more procedures here in the hospital for a broader community with the same or similar resources,” explains Brad Hilker, CMH’s President and CEO.

“The community’s generosity in contributing more than \$300,000 to support the hospital’s purchase of new surgical scopes, a scope sterilizer and a new anesthetic machine has also helped tremendously. With this new technology, we are able to treat more patients within a day,” adds Hilker.

Campbellford Memorial 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, ear, nose and throat.

“Having access to CMH’s surgical unit will enable Dr. Pickle and Dr. Steinitz 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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