



MY GBGH

Community eNewsletter

French Language Service Designation Application in its Final Stage

GBGH is committed to providing French Language Services to its patients and the communities it serves.

GBGH is in the final stages of its application for partial French Language Services (FLS) Designation with the Office of Francophone Affairs.

Once complete, GBGH will be the only designated hospital in the NSM LHIN.

Currently, French Language Services are offered in switchboard, finance, human resources and Ambulatory Care since moving from the Penetanguishene site to Midland.

GBGH enters into partnership with OSMH as part of the birthing program

Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) has entered into a partnership agreement with Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) to continue low-risk birthing services at GBGH with care at OSMH for higher risk mothers and babies.

The partnership between GBGH and OSMH will improve, formalize and standardize the referral practices currently in place.

As part of the new program, which will include a pre-screening model, high-risk mothers will be identified early and engage in discussions with their family physician to be better prepared to deliver at OSMH.

Mothers and families who are referred to GBGH by their physician will continue to receive quality birthing care here in Midland.

Introducing GBGH's Patient & Family Advisory Committee

GBGH has created a Patient & Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) to help inform and steer future hospital planning.

Ensuring patients' voices are heard, the PFAC is made up of patients with first-hand experience at the hospital and clinicians. The committee held its inaugural meeting in April.

Additional funding for GBGH as part of provincial budget

GBGH received a much-needed financial boost as part of the recent provincial budget.

This funding commitment from the province provides a significant increase to GBGH's base funding, with an additional 3.6 per cent - or \$1.5 million.

These funds allow GBGH to continue to provide high-quality, safe care to our communities and help to cover contracted wage and benefit increases, inflation in drugs and medical supplies, and raising utility costs.

Twenty new mental health beds to be created at GBGH

GBGH is taking another big step towards the creation of 20-new acute mental health beds.

GBGH's Emergency Department experiences a high volume of patients looking for mental health services. Having 20 acute mental health beds at the hospital will allow us to have psychiatric medical expertise on hand and will ensure the emergency department is better able to assist patients seeking mental health treatment.

The move of the mental health beds from Waypoint Centre for Mental Health was a government-mandated change.

GBGH's modernized emergency department on track for completion

The emergency department redevelopment project at GBGH is on track to be completed by summer 2018.

To date, 10 per cent of construction has been completed, and Phase 2 is currently underway.

The hospital has received approval and funding for phases 2 and 3 of the project, approximately \$9.7 million, which includes construction of a four-bay ambulance garage, slated to be completed by winter 2017.

Additional treatment rooms will also be created as the completed Phase 1 development is integrated into the existing emergency department.

To ensure the project has no impact on patient care, staff continues to meet regularly to discuss all elements of construction and any potential impacts on day-to-day operations.

Once completed the newly renovated, modern emergency department will expedite patient flow and shorten patient wait-times.

The emergency department originally was built in 1976 to accommodate 18,000 visits per year. Today, GBGH emergency department sees approximately 46,000 visits per year.



GBGH celebrates nurses as part of National Nurses Week

To celebrate nurses GBGH hosted a variety of onsite events, as part of National Nurses Week, observed May 8-14.

“Nurses play an integral role in the success of the hospital and well-being of our patients,” said John Kurvink, Interim President and CEO. “Events like the ones held this week are a small token of our appreciation for their contributions to GBGH and the communities we serve.”

“We have a fantastic nursing team here at GBGH,” said Liliana Canadic, Vice-President, Patient Services & CNE. “I can’t thank them enough for all their hard work and commitment to the best patient care.”

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