

Today's Take-Aways

As there was a fair bit of news at today's Management Team meeting, we've included it in this extra edition of *The Pulse*.

The next edition will be published September 22nd and then we will return to our bi-weekly production schedule!

COVID-19

- While Renfrew County's transmission numbers continue to see a decline, we have had a large number of admitted COVID-positive patients in recent days, as many as 16 – some of which are connected to our two current outbreaks. However, this is the most we have had at one time since the start of the pandemic. Despite this, there are currently no changes to visitor restrictions or other COVID-19 safety measures.

Human Resources

- The department expressed gratitude to the Management team for the ongoing work they are doing and their dedication in helping to ensure that the hospital is appropriately staffed despite the challenges we are facing.

Infection Prevention and Control

- Our outbreaks continue on Medical 2A and 3B with a total of 8 patients affected at this time. We would like to thank everyone for their assistance in management of these situations.
- Staff should anticipate some communication with regards to some changes in requirements for eye protection in our clinical areas. While we can't guarantee that these changes will remain in place, we are hopeful they will give a little bit of reprieve to those impacted.

Fall Vaccination Program

- Plans are underway for the rollout of the influenza (flu) shot this fall as well as the new Bivalent COVID-19 booster. We are hoping to be able to offer both vaccinations simultaneously to our staff, patients, visitors and perhaps family members. Logistics for distribution of these vaccines and plans to encourage uptake are in development. If you have any suggestions regarding ways to increase our vaccination rates, please email them to pr@prh.email. Stay tuned for more details!

Accreditation 2023

- Efforts in support of our onsite Accreditation Survey taking place next April are ramping up. Staff can expect to see regular Accreditation updates both at huddles and in staff communications, and can anticipate being involved in preparations and discussions within their departments leading up to the scheduled timeframe. Already we have been assigned an Assessor Survey Team and while it is subject to change, we look forward to having these individuals with such a breadth of knowledge and expertise in our midst as part of our Accreditation process. It's always a great opportunity to learn from others.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Departmental Updates

Acute Mental Health

- Our Leadership team meetings have started up again on the unit and we are excited to welcome three family members to the team who will be able to provide input and feedback on our projects.

Emergency Department/Intensive Care Unit

- The Advanced Care Paramedics are integrating well into our ED and have been welcomed as a great addition to the team.
- Our ICU has been experiencing higher volumes lately and higher acuity of those in our care.

Diagnostic Imaging

- There has been a delay in the installation of the new fluoroscopy equipment. We are currently trying to reschedule this activity and we are working closely with our health care partners to ensure coverage is available if required.

PRH Foundation

- This year's Black & White Gala – the first in-person event since the start of the pandemic - is now officially sold out – a month ahead of schedule!
- The ribbon cutting for our new electronic Donor Wall will take place September 21st at 6 p.m., ground floor, Tower B.

Maintenance

- Please be advised that painters will be on site September 21, 22 and possible 23rd, to paint Tower B Room B112. At the same time, they will be touching up doors and frames Tower C 2nd floor. Please alert anyone who suffers from paint allergies.

Pharmacy

- Plans are underway for the opening of our new Sterile Rooms, however due to a delay in commissioning we have not yet got a firm date for our celebrations. However, we do anticipate it taking place by mid-October.

Physician News

- One of our own is jumping into municipal politics! Dr. John Epps has spent 29 years in the Operating Room where he has provided over 50,000 anaesthetic services. As he now begins to plan for retirement, he felt it might be time for a change. He still wishes to contribute however, so he has decided to throw his hat in the ring and run for a seat on the Bonnechere Valley municipal council.

"I have always been a political enthusiast. My years in the hospital have made me a good listener and a bit of a problem solver. I hope to bring these same skills to a different arena where I can help people," he said.

Dr. Epps grew up in a rural farming community so his move to Eganville eight years ago was an easy transition and he and Lynne have made many good friends.

Dr. Epps said he plans to remain on the hospital staff on a part-time basis. "It would be too big of a shock to leave health care entirely and I can still contribute even as I start a new career."



GRATITUDE

To include a special message in this section, email celebration&recognition@prh.email.

• Michelle Godsell and I would like to celebrate **Elaine Taylor and Lauren Theberge** for their diligent work and support working through contracts. *Beth Brownlee*

• I can't say enough about the **staff on 3B** for helping get the COVID swabs during our outbreak and a big thank you to **Julie Bramburger** for getting our one patient who consistently refuses! Thank you from the IPAC team! *Jennifer Krieger*

• A sincere thank you to the **ED/ICU care team** for their involvement with a recent multi-tissue donation case. Your valued commitment to donation ensured a family could honour their loved one in a unique way at end-of-life. A special acknowledgment goes to **Tracey Baxter** who made a timely notification to *Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN)*. The notification call allowed the TGLN team to connect with and offer the family the opportunity for donation in a timely manner.

Thank you on behalf of Ontario Health TGLN and the PRH TGLN Committee

• LDRP staff would like recognize **the agency nurses from ED, Rena and Fidelia**. Last Thursday night, a laboring mom came into the ED area, and the two agency nurses brought mom to the floor, and they both stayed to help!

• I would like to celebrate **Suzanne Clark**. Suzanne was celebrated by Hospital Charge. On a previous night shift, she went to help out other floors throughout the hospital. *Rachel England*

• The COVID-19 Command Centre celebrated the Environmental Services team this week for the great work they continue to do throughout the hospital.

• Laurie Menard celebrated **Cheryl Summers** for leading the Code Yellow that occurred September 9th in a calm and efficient manner.



The poster features the PRH logo in the top left corner. The main title 'Staff Appreciation Day' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text expressing gratitude to PRH staff and doctors. The date and time are listed as 'September 29th, 11am - 2pm', with a note for the night shift. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit the Foundation Office and collect a candy bag, accompanied by an image of various candies.

Staff Appreciation Day

We want to say a big thank you to all the PRH staff and doctors who support the Foundation in so many ways throughout the year!

September 29th
11am - 2pm
Night shift can come after 4:30pm

Visit the Foundation Office located in Tower A, floor 1 and collect your **CANDY BAG** as a thank you from us to you!



Save the Date!

The PRH Staff Association will be hosting in-person events this holiday season!

December 3 Dinner/Dance
@ Germania Hall

Catering by Ullrich's

Music by VSM Entertainment
(Paul Lavigne)

December 11 Family Party
@Petawawa Civic Centre

Featuring the one-hour *Rudolph Rocks* performance by Junkyard Symphony

More details to come!

Environmental Services and Housekeeper Appreciation Week

This week, PRH is recognizing and celebrating the tremendous contributions of our Environmental Services team and the important role they play in the patient experience while ensuring our hospital is clean and safe for all within our facility.

With all the challenges and changes the last few years have brought, these team members have remained resilient in their efforts to protect others and we are grateful for all that they have done and continue to do.



The department treated all staff to festive cookies and cupcakes in recognition of their special week.



Catch the Ace
PROGRESSIVE LOTTERY

Congratulations
JACKPOT WINNER!

Wayne Shaver
\$61,921!

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Card#23 - Ace of Spades

Stay tuned for our next **Catch the Ace**

FALL INTO THE SEASON SALE

Monday, Sept. 19 to
Sunday, Sept. 25

Join us at PRH's Sunshine Gift Shop
and receive **20% off** all NEW merchandise

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Emergency Preparedness

On July 8th, there was an issue with the air handling motor which triggered the smoke detectors in patient room 6 in our Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The concern over patient safety led the PRH Incident Management team, the Pembroke Fire Department, and ICU staff to the decision that they should do a partial evacuation of the ICU. Three patients were horizontally evacuated to the Emergency Department until the situation was resolved. The post-action debrief identified the following things that went well and where improvements could be made.

What went well:

- Good support from all ICU team members with clear delegation of roles and duties.
- The RN's and RT's jumped into action quickly to support patient care and transport, clerical staff ensured charts were prepared and ready, and Housekeeping retrieved stretchers to support the transfer.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Manager led a mini huddle once a plan was made to identify any missing pieces or safety issues that were not identified.
- The Intensivist on the unit was actively involved in identifying any risks to the patients during transfer and patients were moved in order of highest to lowest risk.
- Everyone remained calm.
- The motor was quickly switched out of the air handling unit in order to regain air circulation in the ICU so that patients could be returned safely.

Identified areas for improvement:

- The need for clearer communication with the ED charge nurse and team.

This was an excellent way to prepare us for the next mandatory vulnerable occupation drill planned for November.



PRH Staff Association Treat Day **Featuring A Bag Of 1/2 Dozen Of Smith's Corn**

Distribution Time/Locations:

Wednesday, September 21st.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and

(The Lunch Box, Tower A, 2nd Floor)

Non-members or those wishing to purchase additional corn can do so directly from the vendor at \$3/half dozen or \$6/dozen.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. Everyone needs to pre-order, either as part of a group or individually.
2. Pre-orders must be submitted by email to pr@prh.email by 4 p.m. September 16th.
3. All pre-orders must be picked up during the distribution times on September 21st.
4. Please note that groups who pre-order are responsible for ensuring all staff on their lists:
 - are active Staff Association members and are IN THEIR DEPARTMENT
 - wish to receive this month's treat
 - receive their items after pickup

