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Jeff Leal Announces Over \$1 Million to PRHC for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) site

McGuinty Government's Investment Helping PRHC Better Serve Patients

NEWS

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Ontario has approved PRHC as a Stand Alone Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) site.

The Ministry of Health has approved PRHC with \$707,800 in base funding and \$406,600 in one-time funding. This will allow the hospital to perform up to 144 PCIs in 2011-12 and up to 576 PCIs.

Percutaneous Coronary Intervention is a type of cardiac service that until the last few years was only offered at major cardiac centres such as Sunnybrook and Trillium Health Centre.

The Provincial Government undertook a Stand Alone Percutaneous Coronary Intervention pilot project at Thunder Bay Regional, Rouge Valley Health System and Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital - Windsor. Following an external evaluation the Ministry has designated PRHC as an additional site.

Peterborough patients requiring PCI currently travel to Durham or Toronto for service. This investment will mean patients receive care closer to home.

Today's announcement of additional funding support is the latest in a series of investments in local health Care in Peterborough Riding. (Please Refer to Backgrounder)

QUOTES

"This new service shows our commitment to quality health care services for all Ontario residents. Being able to provide Percutaneous Coronary Intervention right here at PRHC means more patients will now be able to receive this important service closer to home."
- Jeff Leal, MPP

"Providing a PCI program for patients in the region takes PRHC to a whole new level of service in cardiac care. This funding recognizes the hospital's role as a regional health care centre and gives us yet another reason to be proud of our hospital. We are grateful for the confidence placed in our organization by the Ministry and the CE LHIN, and for their continued support in programs and services that will benefit the residents of the region served by PRHC."
- Ken Tremblay, President & CEO, PRHC



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“At PRHC we are striving for excellence in care and career, and our PCI program is a great example of that. This is such a big step forward for patients with heart disease throughout the region. Acute care treatments previously unavailable to patients in this area will now be possible, and semi-urgent and elective care will be available without long-distance travel or ambulance transfer. We are thankful for this support, and thrilled to have our PCI program come to fruition.”

-Dr. Peter McLaughlin, Chief of Staff, CMO and Cardiac Cath Lab physician, PRHC

“Today’s announcement reflects a key recommendation made by physicians and health service providers in the Central East LHIN’s Clinical Services Plan to provide patients in the north east cluster of the region with access to PCI at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre,” said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN. “This new service is a key component of an integrated system of cardiac care and clearly demonstrates the value of local planning and local decision making that ensures access to quality services for all LHIN residents.”

QUICK FACTS

- Angioplasty is a medical procedure in which a balloon is used to widen narrowed blood vessels of the heart and is used to treat coronary artery disease

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BACKGROUND

HEALTH CARE INVESTMENTS IN PETERBOROUGH RIDING

Today's announcement of additional funding support is the latest in a series of investments in local health Care in Peterborough Riding. Jeff has worked hard to improve the quality of health care for local residents. Investments have included:

Pay for Results - \$96,600

Funding to PRHC for treating more patients within provincial targets

ER Wait times - \$960,000

Funding to implement initiatives to help reduce ER wait times

Transition Funding PRHC - \$7,718,000 million

Funding to help continue to provide quality health care at PRHC

Radiation Bunker

Better access to Cancer care closer to home

Kawartha Cardiology, three nurses - \$255,100

Funding provided to hire nurses to improve the quality of cardiac care for Peterborough patients

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic

Providing health care for those who do not have a doctor

Hospital PRHC - \$191,000,000

Construction of new Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Off Load Nurses – \$138,000

PRHC able to hire nurses in ER to ease ambulance offload delays



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Reducing ER wait times - \$1,326,100

Funding to further reduce ER wait times at PRHC

Treating Patients within provincial targets - \$290,300

PRHC received additional funding for seeing patients within provincial time targets

Peterborough County-City Health Unit, Food Security - \$50,000

Enabling individuals and families to access healthy food

Morton Medical Centre Lakefield - \$500,000

Construction of state of the art facility to provide quality health care for residents

Breast Screening PRHC – High Risk Screening Centre

Providing access to women at high risk of breast cancer with annual screenings at PRHC