



Hospital Happenings



Caring for Our Community for 85 Years - The Tradition Continues

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Accredited With Flying Colours



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NGH and The NHNH has a report card our community can be very proud of. Accreditation Canada, an independent organization that provides health organizations with an external peer review to assess the quality of their services based on

standards of excellence, has awarded both organizations with a three year Accreditation Certificate.

In the final report, NGH was acknowledged for exceeding the national compliance rate in seven out of eight quality dimensions .

The Nursing Home was commended for its staff, volunteers and leadership who are highly skilled, passionate and compassionate care givers.

All staff at the Hospital and Nursing Home should be very proud of this achievement. The level of care you provide and your commitment to your job truly helps to make our hospital and nursing home first class health care organizations.

'Built With Bricks and Mortar, Built With Heart'



**A Memorable Day
for Norfolk County
May 20-1925**

It all began back in 1915 when Simcoe resident James Allego left an estate of \$11,212.68 to the Town of Simcoe for the purpose of establishing a hospital fund.

In 1918 a flu epidemic hit the area hard and prompted concerned residents to set the wheels in motion to "erect, maintain and conduct" a hospital. The Walsh Women's Institute called a meeting of county and municipal officers to begin the plans for building a much-needed hospital.

A \$5,000.00 donation by Wm. P. Innes in 1920 and a donation of 5 acres of land by his son, Wm. L. Innes, in 1923 were the catalysts that put all of the plans in motion. In October of 1924 the cornerstone was laid by Sen. Alexander McCall and on May 20 th., 1925, the 23 bed, fully-equipped hospital was officially opened before a gathering of over 2,000 people.

Lt.-Gov. Harry Cockshutt, in his speech at the opening, commented "You may be justly proud of this hospital, which will bring peace and comfort to your sick and unfortunate ones". It is this pride that continues yet today.

Join us in celebration- June 6-2010

Suggestions - Feedback - Submissions

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Over 600 Patient E Greetings have been delivered to our patients since December 2008

Our mission is to assist those we serve to achieve the best possible health outcomes.

Have You Purchased Your Cookbook?



Cooking has never tasted better especially when you are using one of the many unique recipes from *Delivering the Goods*, The Second edition cookbook created by Staff and friends of 3B.

Whether it be a fresh Norfolk Napa Salad, special squash casserole, stuffed green peppers or Purple Cow Jumped over the

Moon, you will soon agree, it is an out of this world recipe book that anyone would love to add to his or her kitchen.

If you have yet to pick up your 3B Cookbook, it's not too late! Not only will you add some unique flavours to your palate, but with each purchase, you are supporting The NGH Nurses Education Fund. Cookbooks are available from any 3B Nurse for a very reasonable \$10.00 or three books for \$25.00. *Get cooking!*

Food from the Field to the Table...

NGH Nutrition Department focuses on fresh produce close to home and promoting Norfolk's agriculture sector during National Nutrition Month.



New Pharmacist Joins Our Team



Lisa Reeder

The Norfolk General Hospital Pharmacy Team is pleased to welcome Lisa Reeder as the new Part-Time Pharmacist. Lisa comes to our hospital with several years experience. Most recently, she worked at Brantford General where she focused on Critical Care and Emergency. Originally from Oakville, Lisa and her family now live in Brantford.

A University of Toronto graduate, Lisa holds two Bachelor of Science degrees; the first degree in Biology and the second degree in Pharmacy. Congratulations and best of success Lisa in your new role at NGH!

Working Towards a Safe and Clean Environment for All - Housekeeping Laundry Appreciation



The NGH housekeeping team takes pride in their work and in keeping a clean and safe environment for all. While staff, patients and visitors may be appreciative of shiny floors and sparkling mirrors, rest assured that the Norfolk General Hospital Housekeeping Department is working diligently to execute its role in breaking the chain of potential infection.

To acknowledge the hard work of the Housekeeping and Laundry Departments at NGH-NHNN, staff were recognized March 8-12 and celebrated Housekeeping/Laundry Appreciation week with some good food and fun prizes.

CPR at NGH/NHNN

- Purchase your CPR manuals from the gift shop
- Select a CPR Training Date in Human Resources
- Attend your training course in the N-S Conference Rooms

April 27 8:30 - 17:30
 April 28 8:30 - 17:30
 April 29 8:30 - 14:30
 June 2 8:30 - 17:30
 June 3 8:30 - 14:30



Contact Caroline Beam for more information for BCLS Recertification



St. Patty's Day Fun

On Wednesday March 17th, staff and residents at NHHH decided to take up the St. Patrick's day excitement by dressing in green and showing their St. Patrick's day dedication. The activities included the residents in the excitement with a St. Patrick's day party on the upper floor with Green punch and green treats, balloons and themed party games while residents on main floor had a chance to win a prize and play St. Patrick's day Bingo. Everyone had a great time.

New Respiratory Therapist

Angie Miller joins NGH as the new part-time Respiratory Therapist. Angie is a former Jarvis native who now lives in Simcoe and shares her professional career with Guelph General Hospital with the Home Oxygen Program. "If you're having trouble breathing because of complications with asthma, COPD, acute lung infections, trauma or heart problems, we're here for you," said Miller who explained that RT's commonly handle the mechanical aspect of the process. "Unless you need us, you'll probably never see us again", which is a good thing, Angie points out.



Respiratory Therapists move throughout the hospital helping patients as required. They also share a role during labour and delivery C-sections for precautionary reasons.

Angie looks forward to expanding her skill base at NGH with particular focus on acute care. Not only does Miller share her expertise, but she also brings a great sense of humor and an infectious smile. Welcome Angie.

NGH 9 Hole Golf League begins April 27 and runs until September 14.

Tee-Off Tuesday's between 4:45-5:45pm at the Greens at Renton.

Registration is \$35.00 which includes year end banquet and prizes.

Golf is \$15.00/9 holes each Tuesday. Contact Kim Stanley or Wendy King



What's Going On In the Central Sterile Reprocessing Room?

You may not know it, but a lot of activity takes place in the Medical Device Re-processing (MDR) department. In fact, it's probably the most important area when it comes to Infection Control. The importance of the staff in this department cannot be overemphasized. Each day they collect reusables from the wards and departments to clean and sterilize. They supply sterile equipment, instruments and dressing packs to all the patient service areas including our Operating Rooms.



Thanks largely to the fundraising efforts of Volunteer Association; MDR is getting a much-needed facelift. The renovations include fresh paint, new windows, expanded storage rooms, increased workspace and separation walls. The renovation also includes the purchase of new worktables, a new washer and a new Reverse Osmosis System. Construction in the area has been lead by PK Construction with assistance from L.J. Barton

Mechanical and Waterford Electric. The Renovations are part of Norfolk General Hospitals strong commitment to Infection Control and Patient safety.



Monica Gruener, Central Sterile Supply with Sherri Schira-Ladosz, Director of Volunteers



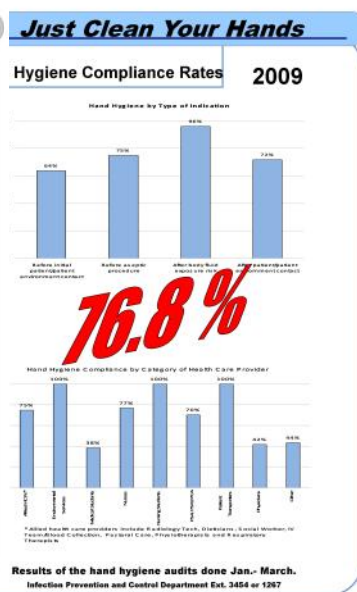
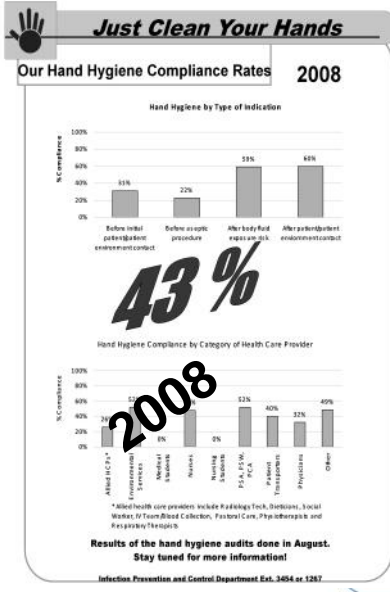
LATEST WINNERS



Mary Bergen
Roman Romaniuk

If you would like to have a chance to win the 50/50 draw and benefit from the events that the Employee P.R. Committee sponsors, call Kim in Payroll at ext. 4202.

Give Yourself a High Five to Better Hand Hygiene!



Recruiting Blood Donors

On March 9, Barry Vermeersch, Director Laboratory Medicine & Cardiac Diagnostics made a guest appearance on the popular local cable television program *Cross County* to help spread the message of donating blood in the community and explained the hospital's relationship with Canadian Blood Services. In addition to reaching out to the community through the media our hospital is helping to promote Canadian Blood Services to staff and visitors through display boards located throughout the hospital indicating blood donor clinics and locations. Eligibility flyers have been placed in prominent locations. A short slide presentation is also available on the hospital website with quick links for additional information.



Barry Vermeersch, Director of Laboratory Medicine & Cardiac Diagnostics with Cross County Host, Adam Lief

It is hoped that raised awareness will translate into an increased number of blood donations from our community, ensuring a consistent supply of blood products.

Gift Shop Vendors April 2010

- April 9** – Susan Morneau (Purses, jewelry, scarf's etc.)
- April 16** - In 2 Uniforms
- April 22**- Barb Madill– Paintings
- April 29/30** Gold for cash– Sell your unwanted gold jewelry– 15% of sales goes to NGH



For More Information contact Betty Goode



Ward Talk

With Brenda Dredge

For two weeks the Olympic spirit captured Canadians everywhere...including the staff of NGH-NHNH.



What was your highlight?

Sue Chanyi, RN 3B

"It had to be the ice dancing when Moir and Virtue won the gold".



Karen Taylor Ward Clerk 3B

"It had to be when Alexander Bilodeau won Canada's first gold of the games and then hugging his brother right afterwards".



Sarah Koncir, RN 3E

"I watched a lot of the games but I was definitely a hockey fan. I watched as many of the Canada games as I could".



Mary Horner, Finance Clerk, was so in the Olympic spirit during the games that she displayed a large Canadian flag in her office. "It was Sidney Crosby & his game winning goal. The women's hockey was exciting as well and to think we won them both and right here at home. It's quite an honor for Canada".



Steve Brightman, Housekeeping Porter

"It was definitely the men's curling. I used to curl and I followed it as much as possible".



Heather Leitch, RT

"I watched both the men's and women's gold medal matches but the men's was my favorite".

Nancy Childs, RPN, 4th.

"I just loved the hockey. I got right into it because it was so exciting...all of the games. I have to give Joannie Rochette credit for skating. It took a lot of courage".



Dr. Peeris

"I would have to say both of the gold medal hockey games - men and women. Second was definitely Joannie Rochette".



Kelly Salterelli, Ward Clerk, 3E

"I enjoyed the whole two weeks. I usually take a week's holidays in February and this year I took them to watch as much of the games as I could".



Jackie Mol, RN, 4th.

"It has to be winning so many gold medals. The hockey game was exciting and I got right in to it".

