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TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS CELEBRATES PATIENT SAFETY WEEK *Closing ceremonies and awards*

MISSISSAUGA (Friday, October 31st) – Between October 27 and October 30, Trillium Health Partners celebrated Canadian Patient Safety Week, dedicated to recognizing and advancing the culture of patient safety, quality and excellence within our organization.

This year's Patient Safety Week included a special honour: the inaugural presentation of our new **Hazel McCallion Award in Quality of Care**, recognizing an outstanding new and sustained quality initiative at Trillium Health Partners. The award was established in recognition of Mayor McCallion's exceptional contribution to quality health care in our community.

We are proud to have awarded the following Trillium Health Partners initiatives with the Hazel McCallion Award in Quality of Care :

Hazel McCallion Award in Quality of Care: New Improvement ***Direct Accelerated Response Team (DART) Program, led by Dr. Manish Maingi, Program Physician Chief, and Elena Holt, Director Cardiac Health***

This award recognizes a Trillium Health Partners program as an outstanding new improvement in the quality of patient care over this past year. This year, we recognize Trillium Health Partners' ground-breaking Cardiac DART program, which helps Emergency Department patients with chest pain to see a cardiologist faster, and helps them access specialized cardiac testing on an out-patient basis, so they do not need to spend unnecessary time in the hospital.

Hazel McCallion Award in Quality of Care: Sustained Improvement ***Improving Vascular Access for Hemodialysis Patients, led by Carol Rivers, RN, Access Coordinator at Trillium Health Partners***

This award is presented to recognize a Trillium Health Partners quality improvement initiative demonstrating its impact over a longer period of time (between Dec 1, 2011 and Sept 1, 2013). The aim of this project is to improve the experience of patients requiring hemodialysis (a medical procedure done to remove fluid and waste products from the blood, commonly in patients with advanced kidney disease). Through the initiative, access to the patient's bloodstream is optimized through an access point called the "arteriovenous fistula." Improving access to the bloodstream this way lowers the risk of developing infections, complications or the need for additional medical procedures as a result of frequent dialysis.

"At Trillium Health Partners, we believe in striving for excellence, each and every day," says Tara McCarville, Vice President, Quality, Enterprise Risk & Business Intelligence. "We have a daily commitment to high-quality, safe care, and to identifying improvements, whether big or small. Through the inaugural Hazel McCallion Quality in Care Awards, we are able to recognize those individuals and teams at our hospital who not only demonstrate but lead the advancement of quality, safe care in our organization. Because of them, we truly are Better Together."

As part of this year's Patient Safety Week, we have also been able to include a presentation of Professional Development Scholarships supported by generous donors in our community. Thank you to all those in our community who have supported generous scholarships. We were able to award 22 deserving individuals working at Trillium Health Partners with the following:

- The Drs. Izukawa & Wilson Endowment Fund
- The Arthur & Terry Jane Hooker Endowment Fund (8 scholarships)
- The Dr. Halina Solow Humanitarian Award
- Dr. Donald Black Bursary
- The Eva & Boyd Upper Award for Nursing Leadership & Innovation Practice (5 scholarships)
- The Edgar and Ruby Simm Memorial Fund for Education (6 scholarships)

About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a research and teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. To learn more, visit: www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca

For more information about the Trillium Health Partners' Cardiac DART Program, please read our [Annual Report](#).

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