

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Campbellford Memorial Hospital Moves Forward with Services Agreement with Peterborough Regional Health Centre for Histology, Pathology and Cytology**

**May 2, 2017** – Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) and Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) will now move forward with a new services agreement for select laboratory services including Histology, Pathology and Cytology after the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) Board passed a motion to not stop the Voluntary Integration of these Laboratory Services between the two organizations. The integration of these services will have no impact on current patient care or the delivery of laboratory services provided by CMH.

CMH has a long-standing history of excellence in quality management in the provision of laboratory services. Most recently, CMH announced that its laboratory meets 100% of Lab Accreditation Standards following a recent assessment and accreditation process by the Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare (IQMH).

CMH and PRHC had submitted a Notice of Voluntary Integration to the Central East LHIN after participating in a facilitated integration process. The integration of select laboratory services with PRHC is the latest example of CMH's focus on developing effective partnerships with hospitals, community organizations and primary care service providers.

"We're very proud of our laboratory team and their focus on excellence in patient care. CMH enthusiastically participated in the integration planning process to support the Central East LHIN's focus on improved sustainability, timeliness and efficiency of care delivery between partners in each of the LHIN sub-regions. Campbellford Memorial Hospital is committed to the continued delivery of local laboratory services in support of its vision for excellence in rural health care and patient care values, while ensuring the hospital's continued sustainability and financial health," said Brad Hilker, CMH President and CEO.

"The skilled, multidisciplinary laboratory team at PRHC performs 1.5 million lab tests each year, and has been providing select services to some of our partner hospitals in the region for a number of years. With a \$2 million upgrade to modernize and automate our lab in 2015, we have increased our capacity to perform more lab tests, more safely and efficiently. As a regional centre, we look forward to continuing to provide excellent care for patients through this partnership and integration of pathology services with CMH," said Nancy Martin-Ronson, VP, Chief Nursing Executive, Chief Information Officer, PRHC.

The change in delivery of histology, pathology and cytology services takes place effective May 15, 2017.

"Every LHIN-funded health services provider has an accountability to identify integrations that would lead to the improved quality, access and sustainability of the services it provides to patients," said Deborah Hammons, Central East LHIN CEO. "By proposing and now moving forward with this integration, the Boards, physicians, front line staff and administrators at CMH and PRHC are demonstrating their leadership and commitment to transforming the system while continuing to provide care closer to home."

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