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## **“Operating Rooms at Campbellford Memorial Hospital Undergoing Temporary Unplanned Closure”**

**News:** Media Release – Temporary Unplanned Closure of Operating Rooms at Campbellford Memorial Hospital

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As of Monday, July 8, 2019, the Operating Rooms (ORs) at Campbellford Memorial Hospital are being closed on a temporary unplanned basis, announced Varouj Eskedjian, President and CEO. He stated “the decision to temporarily close the ORs is being done on a precautionary basis to address some electrical, facility and equipment related issues, which have been recently identified”.

Paul Nichols, Chair of the Hospital’s Board of Directors, stated “The Campbellford Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and Management are committed to the health and safety of all employees, physicians and the patients we serve. It is for this reason why we have taken the proactive step of temporarily closing the operating rooms through the rest of July”.

Varouj Eskedjian stated “The safety of patients, staff and physicians is the most important responsibility we have and it is for that reason we do not want anyone in the operating rooms until the safety issues can be thoroughly assessed and fixed”. He added “immediate efforts are being made to attain expert third party advice regarding the extent and cost of facility and equipment issues requiring remediation to expedite getting the surgical program back into operation.

Campbellford Memorial Hospital has notified patients and surgeons regarding the unplanned closure through the rest of July and will be temporarily reassigning operating room nursing staff to provide assistance and support across the rest of the organization until the issues are addressed. Plans are also being made to explore performing routine scope type procedures in an alternate part of the hospital outside of the Operating Rooms.

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