

Corporate Summary

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1. Saint John Regional Hospital celebrates grand opening of new emergency department

On May 6, Premier David Alward and Health Minister Madeleine Dubé joined Horizon and the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation officials at a ceremony to officially open the newly expanded emergency department at the Saint John Regional Hospital. The new department will open its doors to the public on May 13 and will significantly improve health-care services by offering patients a modern facility with the latest equipment that has been funded by the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation. It consists of a single-story, 3,970-square-metre addition to the Saint John Regional Hospital and features seven trauma beds and specialized equipment including a new digital imaging X-ray machine, bedside computers, automated medication dispensing units, new procedure and surgical lights and special articulating arms in the trauma suite. The emergency department at the Saint John Regional Hospital is part of the designated level one trauma facility within New Brunswick's Provincial Trauma Program and serves patients from across New Brunswick.

2. Horizon employees honoured for their outstanding work

Four respiratory therapists from across Horizon were recently honoured with fellowship awards from the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapy. The fellowships are awarded annually to registered respiratory therapists that have maintained membership in good standing with the national association for a minimum of five years. Candidates must also meet educational requirements in the areas of workplace activities, volunteering, preceptorship and/or advanced education to maintain this fellowship.

Congratulations are extended to the following respiratory therapists who have embraced Horizon's vision of leading for a healthy tomorrow: Dan Adams, Charlotte County Hospital; Garth Miller, Miramichi Regional Hospital; Allison Nykolaychuk, Saint John Regional Hospital; and Angela Taylor, The Moncton Hospital.

3. St. Joseph's Hospital expands extended day surgery department

St. Joseph's Hospital recently expanded their day surgery department. The St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation funded the renovations and additional equipment. The expansion will enhance the hospital's surgical capacity and reduce wait times for procedures ranging from general surgery, orthopedic surgery, breast surgery and urodynamic surgery. Funds provided for the \$250,000 expansion were raised during the 2008 Dragon Boat Festival.

4. Port Elgin and Region Health Centre hold first community health fair

On May 3, the Port Elgin and Region Health Centre teamed up with the Port Elgin Regional School and the health centre's Advisory Committee to offer its first community health fair. The fair included displays on various health promotion topics including blood pressure and blood sugar, smoking cessation, hand washing, and massages. Educational sessions were also offered about the topics of Alzheimer's, safety on the Internet, and life balance. The health fair was an excellent demonstration of the continued collaboration between the school, community and the Port Elgin and Region Health Centre.

5. New diagnostic imaging equipment installed at the Sackville Memorial Hospital

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation recently held a celebration to mark the completion of its most successful annual fundraising campaign to date. During this year's "We want to see you Better" campaign, the Foundation exceeded its \$160,000 goal and raised \$195,000 for state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging equipment for the Sackville Memorial Hospital. The new equipment includes an X-ray table and overhead tube that works in conjunction with the hospital's computed radiography system to provide the diagnostic imaging medical team with higher-quality digital images.

6. Patients waiting for an alternate setting of care update

The number of patients waiting for an alternate setting of care, such as a nursing home, decreased by one per cent in the last month within hospitals across Horizon. As of April 20, 25 per cent of acute care beds located in regional hospitals were occupied by patients waiting for an alternate setting of care. These patients no longer require acute care services of a hospital but are unable to

return home due to their health-care requirements. This represents an average of 305 patients in regional hospitals and an average of 25 patients in community hospitals. Horizon is continuing to work collaboratively with the Department of Health, the Department of Social Development and Vitalité Health Network to develop solutions to this issue.

7. New physicians recruited

During the month of March, three new physicians joined Horizon's medical staff. An oncologist joined the medical team in Fredericton and Moncton welcomed two family doctors. Horizon is actively recruiting for positions in the area of family medicine and medical specialties.

Horizon Health Network is the largest health-care organization in Atlantic Canada, operating 12 hospitals and more than 100 medical facilities, clinics and offices providing medical services ranging from acute care to community based health services to New Brunswick, northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. With 1000 physicians, an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion and 14,000 employees, Horizon Health Network's strategic vision focuses on research, innovation and education.

