



## Chemotherapy services expanding at NHH thanks to regional partnership

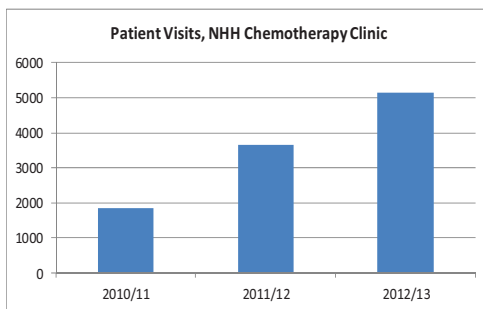
Northumberland Hills Hospital's relationship with regional health service partners is translating into expanded access to outpatient chemotherapy for residents in our community dealing with cancer.

Chemotherapy is delivered at NHH through the Lions and Lioness Chemotherapy Clinic, a satellite of the Durham Regional Cancer Centre.

Based at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa, the Centre is itself part of the Central East Regional Cancer Program (CERCP) – one of 12 regional cancer programs in Ontario. Through a network of hospital partnerships the CERCP provides access to cancer care for 1.6 million people in the Central East Local Health Integration Network. Earlier this month, the Durham Regional Cancer Centre announced it had achieved "first in overall performance in Ontario". That's good news for Northumberland residents, and strong evidence of the value of regional partnerships.

NHH embarked on a new joint venture with the CERCP in the fall of 2011 that – once fully implemented – will increase planned visits to the NHH Chemotherapy Clinic by more than 90 per cent.

Supporting the expansion was new operating funding and enhanced medical and management support provided by Cancer Care Ontario through the CERCP.



The goal of expanded community service is now being realized as more and more patients are receiving chemotherapy and hematology treatments at NHH. In the 2010/2011 fiscal year, the NHH clinic had 1,850 visits. Visits rose to 3,663 in 2011/2012 and NHH is on track to reach a record 5,154 visits when the current fiscal year wraps up on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

For more information on NHH's Chemotherapy Clinic, go to [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca).



**Chemotherapy patient Paul Hills with Bridget Lessard (left) and Whitney Lake, Registered Nurses in NHH's Chemotherapy Clinic.**  
*A resident of Port Hope, Paul travelled to Peterborough for treatment before being referred to NHH. With treatments two days a week, every second week, he's very happy with the opportunity to receive his care closer to home.*

## Community First goal for local health care system set out in LHIN's latest Integrated Health Service Plan

Across the province, Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) have been at work with their local stakeholders to develop their third Integrated Health Service Plans or IHSPs. Here in the Central East LHIN the 2013-2016 Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) is a 45-page roadmap that sets out a "Community First" goal for the local health care system aimed at helping residents spend more time in their homes and their communities. Four aims will guide the system over the next three years:

- Reduce the demand for long-term care so that seniors spend 320,000 more days at home in their communities by 2016.
- Continue to improve the vascular health of residents so they spend 25,000 more days at home in their communities by 2016.
- Strengthen the system of supports for people with Mental Health and Addictions issues so they spend 15,000 more days at home in their communities by 2016.
- Increase the number of palliative patients who die at home by choice and spend 12,000 more days in their communities by 2016.

For more on the system aims set out in the latest IHSP, go to the LHIN's website at [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) and click on the Community First graphic. You'll find a downloadable copy of the full IHSP, as well as a provincial environmental scan.



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## Robert Biron resigns as President and CEO of NHH

Doug Mann, Chair of Northumberland Hills Hospital's Board of Directors, announced at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board that Robert Biron had resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Robert was recruited to Northumberland in November 2008 and his exceptional vision and leadership have guided Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) through some challenging waters," said Doug Mann. "He has accepted the position of President and CEO of The Scarborough Hospital. While we are very sorry to see him leave Northumberland, we wish him all the best in this new opportunity. Robert leaves NHH well positioned for the future."

Further details on the Board's plan for his replacement will be announced in the near future

## Health Professions Scholarship Deadline Extended

Know a high-achieving local student studying for a career in the health-care sector?

Please point them to the NHH website for information on our annual Health Professions Scholarship. This \$1000 prize is presented annually to one or two students from west Northumberland. For full details and an application form, go to the Careers tab on [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca) and click on Student Scholarship or contact Jennifer Gillard at 905-377-7757. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be announced in May.

## NHH Auxiliary - Volunteers Wanted!

There has been a hospital auxiliary in Cobourg for 90 years. The name has changed but the mission of today's NHH Auxiliary is the same as it always was – the non-professional support of patient care and fundraising for necessary hospital equipment. Auxiliary volunteers have been faithful and active in these pursuits but they find themselves facing a shortage of volunteers to perform the volunteer and leadership tasks that such an organization requires. That's why they are asking you to become part of the team.

The Auxiliary is holding a recruiting drive on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for anyone interested in giving a few hours a month and they have enough different opportunities that they can accommodate all interests. The Auxiliary assists the hospital in patient and non-patient areas, does fundraising and, of course, requires people to help manage all of this!

You will find Auxiliary representatives at the Kiosk on the main floor on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. They look forward to seeing you and will gladly answer all your questions and pay for your parking! For more information about the NHH Auxiliary, go to [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca) and click on Volunteers.