



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Celebrate Northumberland's doctors on Doctors' Day, Thursday, May 1st, 2014

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday, April 21st, 2014 – Every day, more than 320,000 patients across Ontario are treated and cared for by a doctor. Whether it's in a hospital, a long-term care home, a clinic or at home, Ontario's doctors are making a positive difference in the lives of patients by providing high-quality care when it's needed most.

Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is pleased to join the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and west Northumberland's Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (CPRRC) to recognize the fantastic work of local physicians on **Doctors' Day, May 1st, 2014**.

Doctors' Day was officially proclaimed by the provincial government in 2011 to celebrate the province's 26,000+ physicians and to mark the birthday of Canada's first female physician, Dr. Emily Stowe.

On May 1st and throughout the first week of May local patients and their families are encouraged to sign one of the thank you cards provided in their doctor's office by the CPRRC. The OMA has also established a website to receive physician thank you messages. Visit www.ontariosdoctors.com for details or simply say THANK YOU to your doctor directly to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts for you and your family. For background on the CPRRC please see their website at www.northumberlanddocs.com.

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About NHH – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, and obstetrical care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care, rehabilitation and palliative care. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).