

# Your Health



NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

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## CT Scanner Begins Scanning Patients in December

Staff, physicians and volunteers at Georgetown Hospital (GH) got a head start on holiday season celebrations as they gathered to mark the official opening of the Hospital's first Computed Tomography (CT) scanner. Celebrations included a ribbon cutting ceremony that was held in the new CT Scanner Suite on Thursday, November 21st, prior to the arrival of the first booked patient which is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd.

Joining the festivities was Mr. Fred Helson whose generous \$1 million donation to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's fundraising campaign made the purchase of the CT scanner possible. In recognition of this contribution, the CT scanner will be housed in the Marg and Fred Helson CT Scanner Suite which is located immediately adjacent to the new Emergency Department – ensuring easy access for Emergency staff and physicians.



L-R: John Oliver, HHS President & CEO; Dr. Robert Yu, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at HHS; Cindy McDonnell, Chief Operating Officer at GH; Fred Helson; Dr. Timothy Durrant, Site Lead of Diagnostic Imaging at GH; and Diane Sala, Manager of Diagnostic Imaging.

## HHS' NICHE Program Awarded Exemplar Status

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is the first Canadian hospital to be awarded "Exemplar" status for its NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders) program. NICHE is an international program designed to help hospitals improve the care of older adults. The "Exemplar" status recognizes HHS' ongoing, high-level commitment to providing exceptional geriatric care throughout its three community hospitals.



The "Exemplar" status is the highest of four possible program levels and was awarded to HHS following a rigorous self-evaluation of its NICHE program. It recognizes HHS' ongoing, high-level commitment to providing exceptional geriatric care throughout its three community hospitals.

The HHS' Hospitals were the first hospitals in Ontario to be designated as a NICHE hospital in 2009. Since then, HHS established our Safer Elder Care Steering Committee and has successfully developed a strong network of Nurse Practitioner Elder Care Mentors and Champions among its healthcare providers. In addition, a wide range of clinical assessment tools and management protocols, and best practices have been successfully implemented to address inter-related geriatric issues such as delirium, safe mobility, and falls.

## Chronic Disease Self Management Program

Do you have one or more chronic conditions such as diabetes, kidney, heart or lung disease, arthritis or any other conditions? Join us for a FREE, six week group based program to learn more about goal setting, overcoming barriers, positive thinking, general nutrition, communication with healthcare professionals and more! Caregivers and spouses are also welcome to attend.

<b>Milton Seniors' Activity Centre</b> 500 Childs Drive, Milton	Jan. 29, 2014 - March 5, 2014	1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
<b>Acton Senior Centre</b> 415 Queen St, Acton	March 4, 2014 - April 8, 2014	9:30 a.m. to Noon
<b>Georgetown Senior Centre</b> 318 Guelph St, Georgetown	March 6, 2014 - April 10, 2014	1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Registration Required.** To sign up or for more information, please:  
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Log on: [www.maximizeyourhealth.ca](http://www.maximizeyourhealth.ca)

## GHVA Poinsettia Sale

Please join us for the Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association's (GHVA) Annual Poinsettia and Bake Sale. Poinsettias are just \$11 dollars each, and choose from a wide variety of delectable sweets.

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Georgetown Hospital Front Lobby

Stop in and get ready for the Holidays!



## The Cornerstone Christmas Market

Visit the historic Devereaux House this season, and experience a Victorian Christmas, while raising funds for the Georgetown Hospital!

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
The Devereaux House  
11424 Trafalgar Road in Georgetown  
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- Lots to see and do:
- Christmas Tree Sale from The Carter Farm Market
  - B.A.G.S Traveling Boutique – handbags and more
  - Build your own snow globe for kids!
  - Door Prizes, giveaways and swag bags

All proceeds support the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.  
For more information, log on to [www.hhcornerstone.com](http://www.hhcornerstone.com)



## HHS Recognized as ECRI Award Finalist

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) was also recognized as one of six finalists for the 2013 ECRI Health Devices Achievement Award for the Laboratory's submission about the successful implementation of the electronic MobiLAB Positive Patient Identification System (PPID) for specimen collection.



The ECRI Institute is an independent non-profit watchdog organization that promotes the highest standards of safety, quality, and cost-effectiveness in the healthcare industry. The Institute's prestigious award recognizes exceptional initiatives undertaken by a healthcare facility to improve patient safety, reduce costs, or otherwise facilitate better strategic management of health technology. They were extremely impressed with HHS' submission and project outcomes.

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