

## Welcoming Judy Linton to Our Leadership Team



This month we welcomed **Judy Linton** as our new **Senior Vice-President, Clinical Programs and Chief Nursing Executive** after an extensive search.

Judy began her career as a registered nurse in critical care. She has held progressively more responsible positions in the management and leadership of clinical care, most recently as the VP Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener.

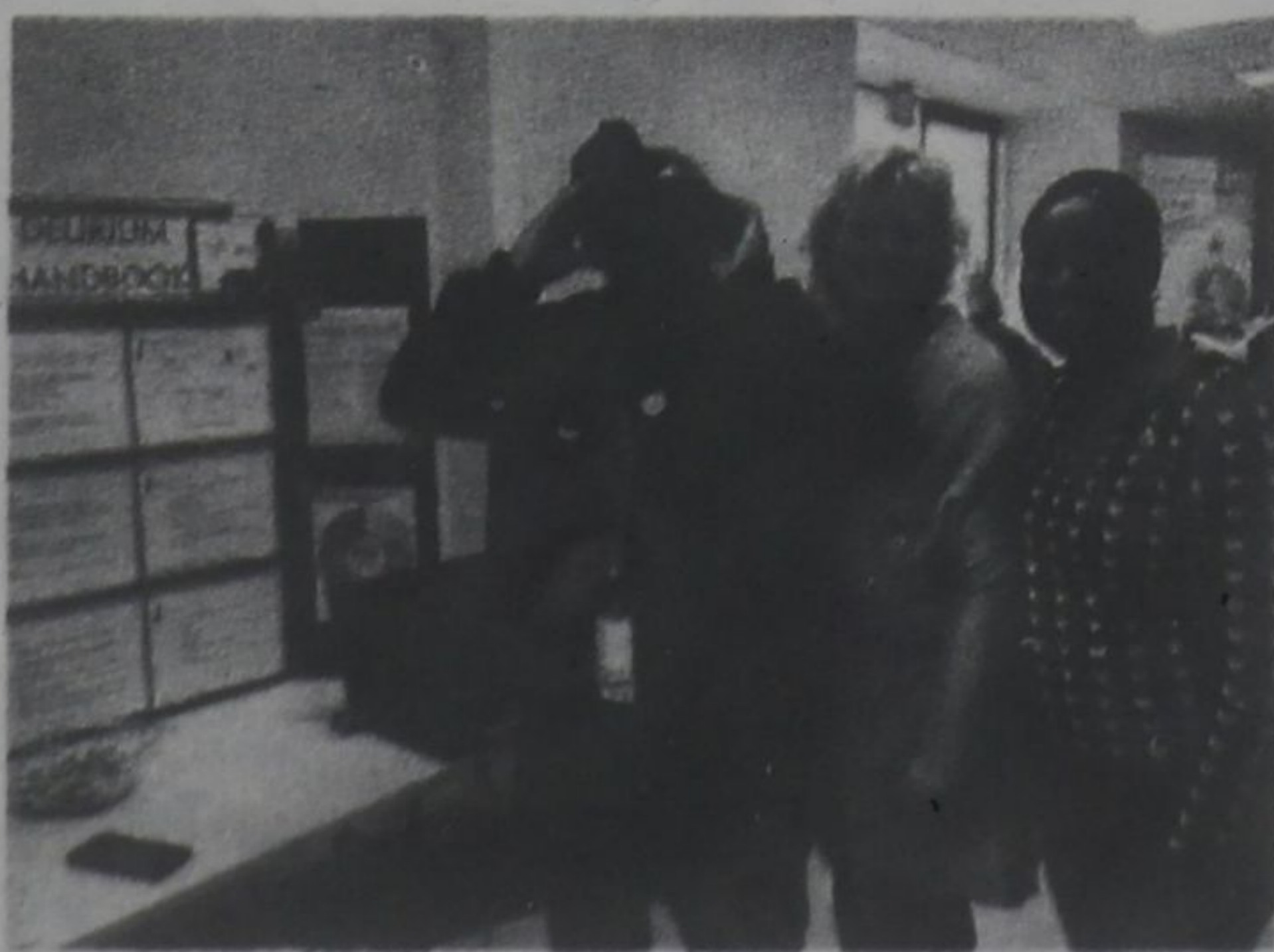
Previously Judy held strategic, provincial level roles at Cancer Care Ontario and the Ontario Renal Network and numerous clinical operational and consulting roles at The Hospital for Sick Children,

PricewaterhouseCoopers and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Toronto. While at Cancer Care Ontario, Judy worked with the 14 regional cancer programs and helped design the quality reporting system. She also led the development of the fourth Ontario Cancer Plan and the first Ontario Renal Plan.

Judy's focus is on the provision of high quality care and the best possible patient and family experience. Judy works collaboratively with physicians and hospital staff to design, implement and evaluate innovative safe care for patients. She brings experience from multiple clinical settings and from the system perspective through her leadership role in provincial cancer and renal care. Judy recently provided leadership in the planning and implementation of a new information system, designed to facilitate the provision of safer and more efficient care.

"We are delighted to welcome Judy to the Halton Healthcare team. Judy's passion for clinical excellence and dedication to our vision of 'exemplary patient experiences, always' makes her the perfect fit for our organization," said Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare.

## Our Patient Safety & Innovation Expos

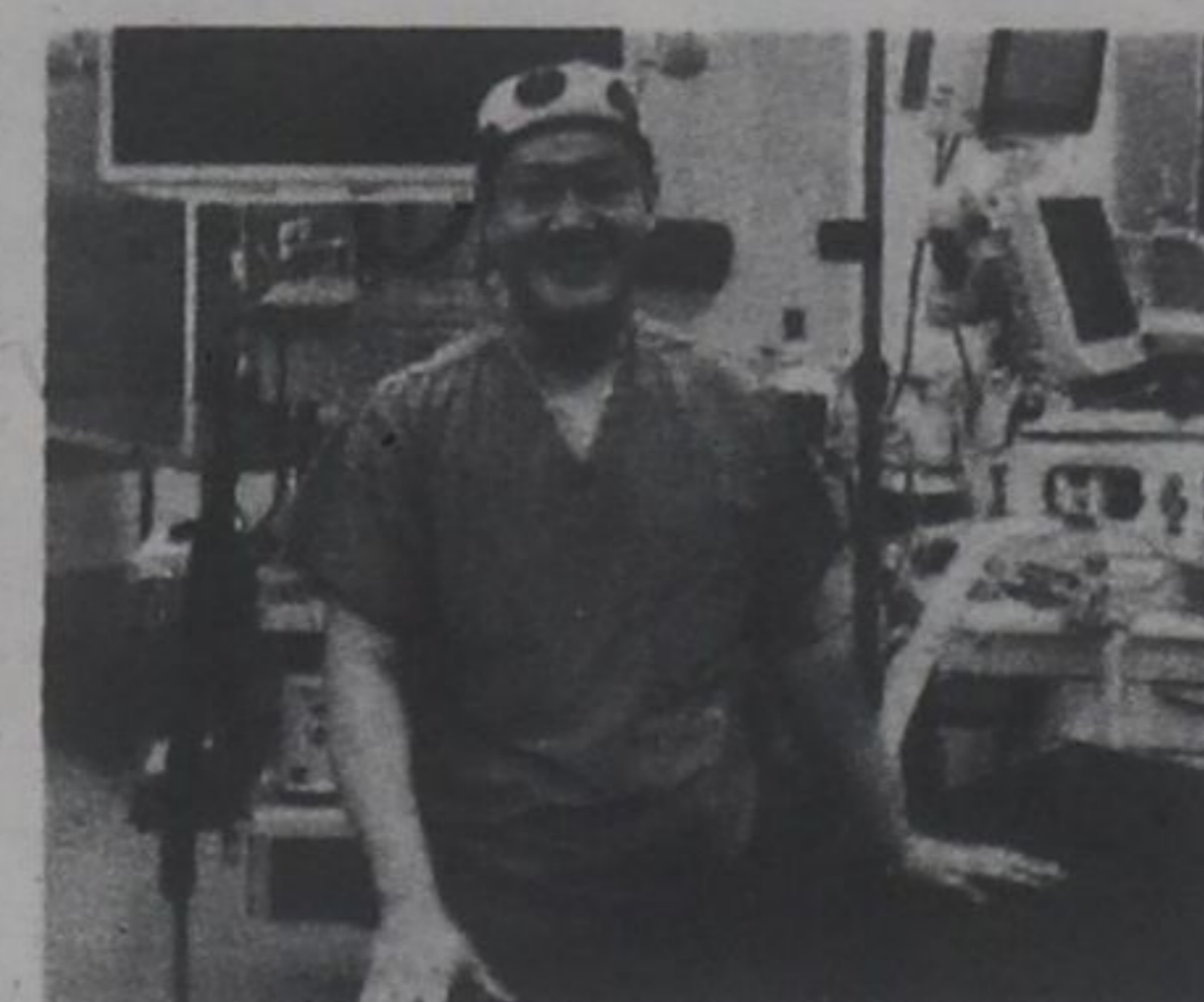


Canadian Patient Safety Week runs October 28 to November 1, 2019. During this time the Canadian Patient Safety Institute invites all Canadians to become involved in making patient safety a priority. The goal is to encourage Canadians to speak up in the moment if something looks wrong, feels wrong or is wrong.

At Halton Healthcare patient safety is our number one priority each and every day and we support continuous quality improvement and patient safety through quality initiatives, audits and programs. We host an annual Patient Safety & Innovation Expo and feature initiatives developed by our staff and physicians for continuous patient safety improvement. Each year staff have an opportunity to highlight their latest safety and innovation projects at all three of our hospitals.

## Rounding Out Our Surgical Team

Dr. Harry Kim and Dr. Marielos Rivas are part of the surgical team at Milton District Hospital (MDH) and work closely with Urologists, Dr. Eric Cole and Dr. Kevin Kwan to provide the Milton community with surgical care, closer to home.



As a General Surgeon, Dr. Harry Kim regularly performs surgeries on gall bladders, appendixes, hernias, small and large

bowels, as well as surgeries for colon cancer and endoscopies for colorectal cancer screening. Dr. Kim's focus is on upper gastrointestinal related surgeries including hiatal hernias and benign stomach related pathologies.

Dr. Kim attended medical school at McMaster University and subsequently completed a five year surgery residency as well as a Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship at the University of Toronto with a focus on advanced laparoscopic surgery and bariatric surgery.



As a surgeon specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Marielos Rivas often performs Caesarean section surgeries, hysterectomies, myomectomies,

and oophorectomies. Dr. Rivas considers laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgeries as the gold standard and performs these type of surgeries where possible, in the best interests of her patients.

Dr. Rivas is originally from El Salvador. She grew up in London, Ontario and attended Medical School at the University of Western Ontario, completing a residency in family medicine. Dr. Rivas also completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Saskatchewan as well as a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery.