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Markham Stouffville
Hospital Foundation

Upcoming Events:

• **MSH Annual General Meeting:** June 25, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., MSH Auditorium

• **Summer Safety and Wellness for Children:** July 11, 2001, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Hospital Auditorium

• **MSH Foundation Annual Golf Tournament:** August 23, 2001, York Downs Golf and Country Club

• **Markham Fair:** September 27, 28, 29, 30, 2001, Markham Fair Grounds

• **MSH Accreditation Survey:** September 30, October 1, 2 & 3, 2001

• **Fashion for Life Fashion Show: Friends of Markham Stouffville Hospital:** October 3, 2001

• **Department of Family Practice Community Event:** October 9, 2001, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Hospital Auditorium

• **"Body & Soul" Concert: Joint Fundraiser with Markham Theatre:** November 22, 2001

• **Donor Recognition Event:** November 29, 2001, MSH Main Lobby

A Focus on Pharmacy at Markham Stouffville Hospital

Most people are aware that drug therapy has become very complex and hospital stays are shorter. One example of complex therapy is the use of drugs created through biotechnology, which are frequently given by vein, following specific and involved guidelines. Excitedly, these drugs save lives and improve the quality of patient lives.

Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) has its own pharmacy services, which purchase and distribute all drugs in the hospital.

MSH Pharmacists review every medication order (hundreds per day), identify drug-related problems, provide drug information, check doses and drug interactions, consult with nurses, physicians, and counsel patients on a daily basis.

Pharmacy Technicians package drugs, compound preparations, and prepare intravenous solutions in a sterile environment wearing caps, masks and gowns. The quality assurance program in Pharmacy is very active - everything is checked. Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) is proud of its 24-hour unit dose drug distribution system, which is known as the safest system available. (Unit dose means that drugs are packaged in unit of use packaging, and there is a bin filled for each patient every 24 hours). Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians provide pharmaceutical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the last 2-3 years there has been a lot of media attention related to medication errors. Markham Stouffville Hospital is committed to a safe system of medication administration and distribution. As a result, a Safe Medication Practice Team was developed this past year. The goals of the team are to assess the medication delivery system and make changes to improve medication safety.

Members of this multidisciplinary team include: nurses, physicians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and unit secretaries. The team is passionate about their work. The Safe Medication Practice Team's first project was the removal of all potassium chloride vials from stock within the hospital. This was recommended by the Institute of Safe Medication Practice and eliminates the possibility of anyone accidentally giving an undiluted dose of potassium.

This is one of many initiatives that the MSH Pharmacy team is undertaking to continue its contribution to MSH's high quality patient care. In the fall of 2001, MSH has volunteered to be one of 30 hospitals partnering with the Institute of Safe Medication Practice in Canada, in a Ministry of Health funded project on medication system safety in Ontario hospitals.



MSH Pharmacy Technician Diane Babcock uses a unit-dose system in preparing each patient's medication requirements for a 24-hour period.

Volunteers Required for Golf Tournament

Volunteers needed to assist with our 17th Annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 13, 2001 at York Downs Golf & Country Club on 16th Ave. Hours of work would be approximately 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Last year, this event raised over \$106,000 for the MSH. Come & be part of the excitement.

Community Event

The Markham Italian Association (M.I.A.) held a fundraiser for the Markham Stouffville Hospital on May 6, 2001 at Le Parc banquet hall. As part of the event The Bay at Markville held a fashion show and there was silent auction as well. In total \$3,500 was donated to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

The M.I.A. committee members who worked very hard included Giovanna Apa, Gabriella Silvestri, Anna Magno, Cettina Consales, Sabina Casullo and Paula Scala (Chair). The master of ceremonies for the show was Enzo DiMauro of CFMT Television.

Thanks for your support!



Pictured (are) (right to left) Paula Scala, Gina Rosen, President, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, Joe Feltri, M.I.A. President, Yvonne Daby, The Bay, Ivana Colasiti, The Bay, Kathy Downes, Special Event Coordinator, MSH, Shisma Sagar, The Bay

Markham Stouffville Hospital Prepares for Accreditation

This fall, Markham Stouffville Hospital will participate in the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) survey. The survey will take place September 30 - October 3, 2001.

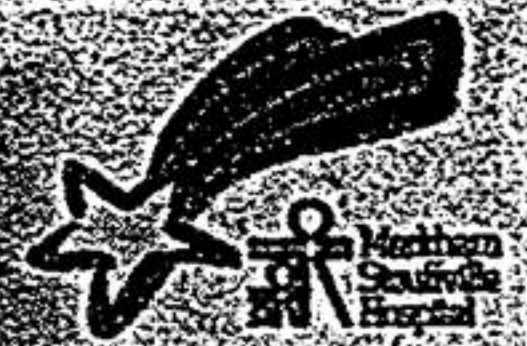
The Accreditation process provides an opportunity for the hospital to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the services being provided to patients in the midst of a rapidly changing healthcare environment. While participation is voluntary for non-teaching hospitals, the majority of Ontario hospitals participate in the accreditation process as a fundamental tool of their quality assurance programs.

Accreditation Teams representing all departments within the hospital have been working hard to ensure their team's compliance with the standards outlined by the CCHSA. The assessment process includes:

- The completion of written standards document (each team is required to submit)
- Individual team meetings with CCHSA Surveyors
- Department/site tours
- Client and family interview meetings

Over the summer months the teams will continue their preparations with plans for Mock surveys and focus groups in early September.

Accreditation 2001
AIM TO BE GREAT!



AIM stands for "Achieving Improved Measurements". A quality measurement tool used by the CCHSA in accrediting Hospitals.

Everybody Benefits from Planned Giving

Giving to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation lets you help your community hospital and enjoy tax benefits too. A planned giving strategy maximizes the benefits to both you and your hospital. We urge you to explore the possibilities.

If you have already made a planned gift or are considering making a planned gift to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation (for example including us in your will), please let us know. We would welcome the opportunity to thank you for your generosity.

If you would like more information about planned giving options, such as including us in your will or gifting a life insurance policy or wish to discuss the benefits available to you, please call Jan Black, Manager, Major Gifts and Administration at (905) 472-7394 or by email jblack@msh.on.ca.

Gifting Appreciated Securities

The federal government has introduced tax incentives to encourage charitable gifts of listed securities which will make this option particularly attractive to some donors. The tax saving is significant and simple. There is a time restriction on these incentives; the deadline for transfer of securities is December 31, 2001.

First, the donor receives a charitable tax credit based on the fair market value of the listed security at the time of the donation (acceptance of the donation must be predetermined prior to the transfer). So if the securities were trading at \$10,000 at the time they were donated, then the donor receives a charitable tax credit based on a gift of \$10,000.

Second, if the listed securities have inherent capital gains, then only 25% of the capital gain is included in income when gifted to a charity. The usual capital gains inclusion rate is 50%.

Listed securities include stocks, bonds, and mutual funds which are traded on approved stock exchanges.

	Sell Stock & Give Proceeds to MSHF	Donate Stock Directly to MSHF
Fair Market value of stock (amount of tax receipt)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Capital gain realized (assuming a \$5,000 cost base)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Taxable capital gain	\$10,000 (50% of \$20,000)	\$5,000 (25% of \$20,000)
Value of tax credit from the gift (assuming 50% tax bracket)	\$12,500	\$12,500
Tax due on capital gain (assuming 50% tax bracket)	\$5,000	\$2,500
TAX SAVINGS BY GIFT	\$7,500	\$10,000
Cost of Gift	\$17,500	\$15,000

Sunrise Rotary Donation



Gina Rosen, President of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation (r), presents a Certificate of Appreciation to members of the Markham Sunrise Rotary Club. With a donation from the Club, Markham Stouffville Hospital purchased CD/Cassette Players for the patient bedside in the Palliative Care unit. Pictured there with Gina are (left to right): Dorothy Evans (Sunrise Rotary), Arne Marie Grose (nurse), Chaplain Don Shields (MSH), Sharon Gomm (nurse), Eric Tupperden (Sunrise Rotary), Nora English (nurse), and Jim Sandiford (Sunrise Rotary).