

Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the:

**Department of Emergency Medicine
Clinical Day 2010: Focus on Paediatrics**

taking place on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

This conference will be of interest to pediatricians, emergency physicians and nurses, family physicians, family medicine residents and paramedics.

Please call the ER Clinical Day RSVP line at 416-530-6587 to reserve your seat.

There is no fee to attend this conference but space is limited. Please register by **March 31, 2010**.

Coronary Care Nursing 2 will be taught at St. Joseph's Health Centre by Humber College on Thursday's starting April 22, 2010 for 10 weeks.

This course will build upon previously acquired knowledge and experience of Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS) to improve competencies in the management of cardiac clients during the acute and rehabilitative phases of hospitalization. The focus is directed toward developing skill in recognition and management of dysrhythmia analysis and 12-lead ECG interpretation. Nursing management of patients with ACS will be addressed in varying stages of the disease process. Students will have an opportunity to examine and critically analyze a variety of case studies and discussion will be based on current research

findings in critical care nursing and related fields.

Please call Humber to register at 416-675-5005. Alternatively, you can complete a registration form and fax it to Humber at 416-675-2427. Registration forms are available from Yvonne Warford at warfoy@stjoe.on.ca or ext. 4500.

The portal for the **Patient Safety Culture Survey** will remain open until March 31, 2010. The survey is accessible via SJNet's homepage and takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

As an organization we are committed to Putting Patients First by providing the safest care. Moreover, we have committed to the reduction of adverse events by fifty per cent as our big aim by March 31, 2011. Culture is widely recognized and accepted as a significant driver in changing behaviour and expectations in order to increase safety within organizations thus; sustaining a just culture naturally advances patient safety which directly impacts the care patients receive. A key step in this process is the ability to measure the presence and degree of the safety culture.

St. Joseph's Health Centre is a proud participant of **Earth Hour** and on Saturday, March 27th, we will turn off all non-essential lighting that will not impact patient care from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This will include:

- External Signage – Facilities will turn off our external signage for one hour (not including the "H")
- Nursing Unit/Hallway Lighting – if it will not impact patient care.
- Individual Work Space – Staff, physicians and volunteers will be encouraged all to turn off all non-essential power in their area before they leave work on Friday, March 26th.

Enhancing the Health of the Communities we Serve - We engage our communities and link with our partners to support equitable access to health care services

St. Joseph's Health Centre's Paediatric Department Receives \$1,000 Grant From Sherway Gardens Toys 'R' Us!

by Aurelia Kay, Special Events Manager, SJHC Foundation



L to R – Tanya Lorenc, SJHC Foundation Student Intern, Jen Molina Toys 'R' Us Manager, Jennifer Torode, SJHC Patient Care Manager for NICU and Paediatric Clinic, Gord Simpson, Toys 'R' Us Director and Aurelia Kay, SJHC Foundation Special Events Manager.

Toys 'R' Us, Sherway Gardens, in partnership with the Starlight Children's Foundation 'Star Campaign', generously donated a \$1,000 grant towards St. Joe's Paediatric Unit. Along with the grant, they also donated several Nintendo DS gaming consoles to be used on the paediatric unit.

This is the Health Centre's second gift in the past two years from Toys 'R' Us. Thank you to Toys 'R' Us and the Starlight Children's Foundation for their generosity!

Warm Clothing Donations pour in for our 7M and PICU Patients

by Shirley Pullan, Patient Care Manager, 7M & EPT

On behalf of the patients on 7M/PICU, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generosity in donating warm clothing to our unit.

The response to the request for winter clothes was over-whelming and has provided a necessity for countless patients who otherwise would have gone without.

As a result of your thoughtfulness, 7M/PICU now has a patient clothing room and we have been able to introduce a new standard of care – all patients discharged from the unit have seasonally appropriate clothing to wear during the cold fall/winter months.

I am pleased to announce that we have enough clothing to address this winter season. I would ask that you keep us in mind for the fall as this is an on-going challenge and another clothing drive will be launched in October 2010.

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