

connections update

Insert to Celebrating Our Second Annual Interprofessional Education Week

OCTOBER 2009

INTEGRATED GERIATRIC AND GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY OUTREACH PROJECT

*DIRECTOR & PATIENT CARE MANAGER, MEDICINE,
AMBULATORY AND SENIOR'S HEALTH PROGRAM*

A new outreach project is helping to promote healthy aging at home and to delay the onset of frailty, disability and dependence in seniors.

St. Joe's is one of six partner organizations that received funding from the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (TC LHIN) to participate in this project. Members of this project's interprofessional outreach team include a Geriatrician, Geriatric Psychiatrist, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Social Worker, Physiotherapist, and Occupational Therapist, as well as a dedicated Care Coordinator and an Intensive Case Manager for longer-term follow up. The team visits frail homebound seniors in the community to provide:

- Comprehensive strength and needs assessments, addressing functional, medical, mental health and addictions issues.
- Assistance to connect with appropriate services in the community.
- Intensive psycho-geriatric case management and/or enhanced care coordination for clients as needed for longer-term follow up.

PROVIDING THE RIGHT CARE, IN THE RIGHT PLACE,
AND AT THE RIGHT TIME TO HOME-BOUND SENIORS

Referrals can be initiated by physicians, healthcare professionals, and community agency staff as well as by seniors or their family members. Issues that may prompt a referral include cognitive impairment, falls, incontinence, depression, behavioral challenges, elder abuse, medication-related issues, nutritional issues, "failure to thrive", decline in functioning or difficulty with activities of daily living, social isolation, environmental challenges, caregiver stress, or the need for an assessment of the home environment.



Both Catherine Cotton, Administrative Program Director of St. Joseph's Medicine, Ambulatory and Senior's Health, Program and Giancarla Curto-Correia, Patient Care Manager, Ambulatory Care Centre, are looking forward to seeing the community benefit from this new resource.

"Each organization has committed, through this innovative care model, to promote the provision of the right care, in the right place, and at the right time to home-bound seniors," said Cotton.

"It is a privilege to be part of this trail blazing opportunity that fosters both interprofessional and inter-organizational collaboration," adds Curto-Correia.

For further information or to make a referral to the Integrated Outreach Team at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto please contact 416-530-6154.

Interprofessional Education Week taking place
October 19 to 23
Celebrating Our Vision to be Canada's Best
Community Teaching Hospital

MORE INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND COLLABORATION EVENTS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK

Our annual Interprofessional Education (IPE) Week event began last fall as a way to celebrate St. Joe's culture of interprofessional learning and collaboration. It showcases how diverse groups of people learning with, from and about each other translates into providing exceptional patient care.

Externally in the community, it is also an opportunity to highlight how we support Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation, which helps us to achieve our Vision to be Canada's Best Community Teaching Hospital.

This past weekend, the Health Centre included an insert in our community newspapers highlighting some of the stories featured in this special issue of *Connections*. It was important that we shared with the community examples of how St. Joseph's health care providers work with their colleagues to create a culture of collaboration.

This year we are kicking off IPE Week with a Breakfast Forum on October 19th featuring special guests, Dr. Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto who will be presenting *Academic Responsibility is Our Social Responsibility*, and Vicki LeBlanc, Director for the Network of Excellence in Simulation for Clinical Teaching and Learning who will be speaking about how they support interprofessional education and collaboration. Elizabeth McLaney, Manager of Interprofessional Education at St. Joseph's, will also be giving an update on some of the exciting interprofessional education and collaboration projects we have underway at the Health Centre.

This is the second year that we will be recognizing recipients of the *TD Learning is for Life Scholarships* at our IPE Week's Breakfast Forum. Designed to support the education needs of regulated health care professional staff, this TD Bank Financial Group sponsored scholarship recognizes the pursuit of excellence at St. Joseph's and pledged \$250,000 over five years (\$50,000 per year) beginning in 2006. Individual scholarships range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 per year. We would like to congratulate the following recipients this year for their commitment to continuous learning and professional development:

Neelam Bal
Brenda Chamachourdjian
Vinay Phokeo
Retander Sapple
Margaret Williams
Heather Thomson
Billy Joe Fleet
D'arcy McCabe
Marie Eason Klatt
Stacey Johnson
Dan Altenberg

Julia Ycas
Lynne Strathern
Michelle Lertvilai
Charisma Supsup
Maureen Savoie
Diane Adams
Chris Dunn Parkes
Joan Sinclair
Lisa O'Drowsky
Kelly Lauzon

IP SKILLS FAIR

OCTOBER 21, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

IN THE CAFETERIA

Health Centre staff are encouraged to check out our Interprofessional Skills Fair in the Cafeteria! Mark your calendars and drop in to see a number of interactive displays and activities from a broad variety of health professions.

Skills Fair booths are also participating in an Access and Flow poster contest this year! Come see how these professions support the safe and timely flow of the patient to their next destination.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHADOWING OUR INTERPROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

St. Joe's is welcoming high school students from the Toronto District School Board at the Skills Fair this year. These students are being paired with our interprofessional students for an opportunity to learn and ask questions about training for a career in healthcare.

WELCOMING THE TORONTO ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE NETWORK AND UOFT CENTRE FOR IPE'S INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION LEADERS

The Health Centre is hosting a special networking lunch as well as inviting this group to tour the Skills Fair.

PATIENT AND VISITOR INFORMATION

We are launching an expanded Education section on our website and including information to all our patients on their meal trays this week about what interprofessional education means to the care we provide for them.

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