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New Brachytherapy Program at Trillium Health Partners offers State-of-the-Art Radiation Treatment to Treat Patients Faster and Closer to Home

(Mississauga, ON) – A highly effective radiation treatment is now available to cancer patients in Mississauga, Halton and Peel regions. Part of the Mississauga Halton/Central West Regional Cancer Program, the new brachytherapy program at Trillium Health Partners is the only one of its kind in the area and will allow patients' to be treated over a shorter period of time and closer to where they live.

Brachytherapy is a form of radiation therapy that is highly targeted and results in less tissue damage and a shorter treatment period for patients. Patients in Mississauga and Halton who used to spend hours traveling Hamilton, Kitchener and Toronto will now be able to receive treatment minutes from where they live.

“By carefully choosing where to place our resources and always striving to be an effective and efficient hospital, we have been able to respond to the most pressing needs of our patients including offering new services, like the brachytherapy program, closer to home,” said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners. “This new program is the latest step in helping us to realize our mission of “a new kind of health care for a healthier community”.

Housed in the Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre at Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital, the new brachytherapy program will offer the most advanced High-Dose-Rate (HDR) treatment for skin cancer. The new Brachytherapy Suite boasts the largest treatment room in the province, with over 700 square feet of space. The Suite has full operating room capabilities to allow the team to practice all forms of brachytherapy treatment. The new program also supports research, like the HDR treatment for cervical, endometrial, prostate and breast cancer that is currently in development at The Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre.

“The Regional Cancer Program can now offer the most advanced and highly targeted form of radiation therapy for patients in our region,” says Dr. Tom McGowan, Radiation Lead in Mississauga Halton and Central West, and Medical Director of Radiation Therapy at Trillium Health Partners. “Our communities will not only have the convenience of having this innovative treatment in their own backyard, but our patients will have such added treatment benefits as: less treatment duration for certain cancer types — which means less time in the clinic — and reduced complications to healthy tissue.”

Mississauga Halton/Central West Regional Cancer Program

The Mississauga Halton/Central West Regional Cancer Program oversees the delivery and quality of cancer services for residents of both the Central West and Mississauga Halton regions. Cancer care and support is delivered through its hospital partners: Trillium Health Partners, Halton Healthcare Services, Headwaters Health Care Centre, and William Osler Health System. For more information, please visit www.mhcwdcancer.ca

About Trillium Health Partners

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

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