

## Media Release

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#### Trillium Health Partners Strategy Takes a Step Forward with Plan for Better Patient Care

**Mississauga/West Toronto (April 24, 2013)** – Trillium Health Partners announced a series of initiatives today that will advance the hospital in realizing its mission of “a new kind of health care for a healthier community.” This plan represents the beginning stages of the implementation of a multi-year strategy which seeks to serve the most pressing needs of patients in Mississauga and West Toronto.

“The changes announced today are the next step forward,” said Alan Torrie, Chair of the Board of Trillium Health Partners. “We are aligning services to our strategic priorities – high quality care; exceptional patient experience; right care, right place, right time; and research, innovation and education – and responding to the specific demographic needs of our community, particularly in the areas of children, seniors and chronic disease,” said Mr. Torrie.

“The demand for hospital services has been growing within our community and our resources are stretched daily – particularly in emergency and urgent care,” said Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO of Trillium Health Partners. “By carefully choosing where to place our resources and finding additional operational efficiencies, we are able to respond to the most pressing needs of our patients including offering new services closer to home. Although some of our services will change, Trillium Health Partners is expected to treat more patients in the coming year than ever before,” said Ms. DiEmanuele.

The initiatives being announced today include:

- The expansion of programs at The Carlo Fidani Regional Cancer Centre and the introduction of brachytherapy, a leading-edge cancer treatment. Brachytherapy is a form of radiation therapy that is highly targeted and results in less tissue damage and a shorter treatment period for patients.

- The introduction of a Rapid Assessment Model in the Cardiac Program, so that patients can see a Cardiologist faster, which will ultimately reduce the number of cardiac admissions and wait times.
- The alignment of existing services to our strategy that will result in closing 30 complex continuing care beds currently located at the Queensway Health Centre's Courtyard facility. These changes will only be made as current patients are discharged to the community as planned. We are committed to working with our community partners and our LHIN to maintain and improve the level of service within our community for our complex continuing care patients.
- These initiatives will generate \$19.8 million in savings over the next few years.

“In making these changes, we have been mindful of the impacts to patients, staff and the community while maintaining a balanced budget. While we will be providing more patient care and some new services across the organization, some areas will be affected by these changes. In many cases these changes create new opportunities for our staff. However, there will also be some limited impacts including the potential for changes to job descriptions and assignments, reduction in hours or early retirement,” said Ms. DiEmanuele.

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based academically affiliated acute care facilities in Canada, serving the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities.

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