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**NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE
AND TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS IMPROVES ACCESS TO PATIENT CARE**

TORONTO/MISSISSAUGA – Runnymede Healthcare Centre and Trillium Health Partners (THP) have entered into a new partnership to improve access to healthcare services for patients who need extended rehabilitation therapy.

This collaboration will see THP refer patients who require slow-stream rehabilitation after treatment or surgery to 33 protected beds at Runnymede's state-of-the-art facility. The hospital's Low Tolerance Long Duration Rehabilitation (LTLT Rehab) program offers a slower-paced, less intensive approach to rehab to help patients transition from acute care back into the community.

"The continued growth and success of the LTLT Rehab program at Runnymede speaks to the increased need that exists for this type of specialized care in the community," said Connie Dejak, President & CEO, Runnymede Healthcare Centre. "Both Runnymede and Trillium Health Partners share a strong commitment to excellence in clinical care, and this partnership provides us with another avenue to ensure that patients continue to receive the right care in the right place at the right time."

Since its inception in 2011, Runnymede's LTLT Rehab program has helped more than 500 patients regain the skills, mobility and independence they need to return home. The program has also been successful in reducing the average length of stay of rehab patients to just 55 days, significantly lower than the provincial average of 120 days.

For THP, the partnership provides much-needed capacity. On any given day, the hospital has as many as 70-100 patients admitted, waiting for an available bed. By offering access to LTLT rehab at Runnymede, more patients at THP will be able to receive faster access to high-quality care and transition back into the community.

"Our priority is to provide patients with the right care, in the right place, at the right time. To do so, we must look beyond the walls of our own hospital and partner in new and unprecedented ways to provide the highest quality of care for our patients," says Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO, Trillium Health Partners. "We know we must do more to increase short-term capacity if we are going to address the growing and immediate needs of our community. This partnership is a true example of the health care system working together in the interest of its patients so that more patients receive the care they need in a timely way."

About Runnymede Healthcare Centre:

For nearly 70 years, Runnymede Healthcare Centre has been leading the way in complex continuing care. The focused, innovative, 200-bed hospital takes an interprofessional team approach to care, providing comprehensive clinical services to patients who require expert treatment, extended rehabilitation and daily care beyond what can be provided at home or in long-term care. Runnymede provides the right care in the right place at the right time to make a difference in patients' lives. To learn more, visit: www.runnymedehc.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 research and teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. To learn more, visit: www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca

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