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North East Surgical Optimization Project Underway

As a result of discussions with key stakeholders from across North East Ontario, the NE LHIN is undertaking a review of surgical services currently being delivered in hospitals across the region to ensure access and quality of care are maintained in the future.

The project will review surgical volumes and required resources to deliver on North East Ontario surgical needs. A newly formed Committee, chaired by Terry Tilleczek of the NE LHIN, includes one administrative and one medical representative from each of the NE hospitals with an active surgical program, including: Hôpital Notre Dame Hospital; Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital; Kirkland and District Hospital; North Bay General Hospital; Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre; Sault Area Hospital; Sensenbrenner Hospital; St Joseph's General Hospital; Temiskaming Hospital; Timmins and District Hospital; West Nipissing General Hospital; West Parry Sound Health Centre.

The steering committee will develop recommendations related to the provision of optimum organizational, infrastructure, resource and volume requirements for a positive impact on patient survival, adverse events, length of stay and quality of life.

The project objectives are to:

- Review thoracic surgical oncology cases undertaken in North East Ontario (HRSRH, NBG, SAH) in relation to Cancer Care Ontario's thoracic surgical standards. This will include:
 - o Conducting a thorough review of the thoracic oncology standards and their implications for the North East
 - o Developing a strategy related to applying the standards to North Eastern Ontario hospitals
- Identify other surgical services that will form part of the project.
- Review surgical services in the NE - a three year retrospective review of surgical volumes.
- Establish general principles for surgical optimization for North East Ontario hospital surgical programs.
- Prepare two reports: (i) review and implementation plan on the optimization of thoracic services related to Cancer Care Ontario's thoracic surgical oncology standards; (ii) review

and implementation plan of all other surgical services and required resources as identified by the Steering Committee.

While all surgical activity will be reviewed, there is an immediate requirement to review, analyze and report on an implementation plan related to Cancer Care Ontario's thoracic surgical oncology standards.

For further information on the North East Surgical Optimization Steering Project, please visit www.nelhin.on.ca, under "For Health Service Providers" .

Aboriginal Health Summit – A Great Success

The NE LHIN Aboriginal Health Summit – The New Health Environment held in North Bay on May 14 and 15 was deemed a success with more than 120 people attending from across Ontario. The event explored how to use technology in health care planning and delivery and work towards identifying appropriate health planning bodies and processes within the NE LHIN while waiting for the development of the Local Aboriginal Health Planning Entities (LAHPE). Summit proceedings will now be prepared and posted to the NE LHIN website within the coming months. To view a selection of photos from the Summit, [please click here](#).

NE LHIN Board of Directors May Meeting

The open meeting of the NE LHIN Board of Directors will be held:

Friday May 30, 2008
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
West Parry Sound Health Centre
6 Albert Street, 4th Floor Board Room
Parry Sound

All are welcome to attend. An agenda and package is posted to www.nelhin.on.ca