

January 30, 2015

## No disruption to access or care at RVH

Patients and visitors coming to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) will not experience any disruptions in accessing the building despite the picket line established by striking members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) who work at the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). The CCAC's ONA members went on strike at midnight, January 30<sup>th</sup> and although the labour dispute has nothing to do with RVH or its ONA members, RVH was targeted for picket activity.

"RVH has been working with CCAC to establish contingency plans so there is no disruption to our patients who may require CCAC services upon discharge," says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. "CCAC management has ensured adequate in-hospital coverage during this labour dispute so that we can continue to discharge patients safely home with community supports when and if required.

While picketers are not permitted on health centre property, RVH's Security team is closely monitoring the situation and is working with Barrie Police Services to ensure there is no impact to Georgian Drive traffic flow.

"At RVH, safety is our top priority – both the safety of our patients and our staff - and we have taken steps to maintain this safe environment during this labour dispute," says Skot.

If any patient or visitor has a safety concern or issue while accessing the health centre during this time, please contact the Security team at 705-728-9802 extension 44111.

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About RVH:

RVH is a regional health centre in Barrie, Ontario, located 80 kilometres north of Toronto. As the largest hospital in the region of Simcoe Muskoka, RVH's team of over 350 physicians, 2,500 employees and 850 volunteers provides exceptional care and specialty services to almost half a million residents, including cancer care, stroke services, orthopedics, intensive care, mental health and interventional radiology. RVH is focused on delivering safe, high quality care that puts patients and their families first. For more information visit [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca)