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## RVH celebrates its Nurse Practitioners!

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is committed to delivery high-quality, safe care and another way we can live up to this promise is to ensure its highly valued and skilled Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are able to work to the full scope of their practice. And at RVH, NPs are now able to do just that.

This is not only great news for NPs at RVH but for the patients as well. Studies from multiple jurisdictions have consistently indicated that patients are very satisfied with NP services, and patient outcomes are either the same, or improved, when NPs participate in patient care. Other positive effects include shorter length of hospital stay, improved compliance with clinical practice guidelines, better coordination of patient care, lower rates of clinical complications, lower mortality rates and improved inter-professional team collaboration.

“Patients are at the centre of everything we do here at RVH. Their safety, care and satisfaction are our biggest priority and we strive everyday to find new ways to improve the patient experience,” says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. “Offering an enabled scope of practice to our NPs was crucial in order for us to continue to deliver the care that our patients have come to expect.”

RVH currently employs NPs in both inpatient and outpatient settings, in areas as varied as the Chronic Disease and Medical Treatment Clinic, Geriatrics, Stroke Prevention Clinic, Oncology, Maternal/Child/Youth program and Long Term Care Outreach.

“Our NPs have long been working towards this full scope of practice so it’s wonderful to see this finally come to fruition,” says Sharon Partridge, RVH chief nursing officer. “Allowing NPs to work to the full scope of their practice, within RVH’s collaborative inter-professional practice model, will not only enhance the high level of care we currently provide, but will no doubt have a positive impact on patient experience as well.”

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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 1,000 volunteers provides exceptional care and specialty services to almost half a million residents, including cancer care, stroke services, orthopaedics, intensive care, mental health and interventional radiology. RVH is focused on delivering high-quality, safe care that puts patients and their families first. For more information visit [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca)