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GET CHECKED

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program and Royal Victoria Hospital teamed up with Colon CancerCheck, the Barrie Colts and Canadian Cancer Society for the 'Get Checked' campaign to recognize March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The campaign, which included information booths at RVH and the Barrie Colts games, radio and newspaper ads, community presentations, promotional giveaways and lots of great prizes, was a tremendous success! Over a thousand people were personally educated on the importance of regular screening for colorectal cancer and healthy lifestyle habits. For more information, please visit www.Ontario.ca/ColonCancerCheck



RESULTS OF ACCREDITATION 2011

Regional Cancer Program recognized for innovation and creativity in health care delivery

Accreditation surveyors visited RVH from February 7 –9, 2011 to complete an objective, external review process of the hospital. Overall, RVH achieved 97.5 per cent on Accreditation Canada's Standards of Excellence, a testament to RVH's commitment to safe, quality patient care. In addition, the Cancer Program was recognized for bringing two innovative and unique leading practices to RVH:

- Canada's first **Temporary Radiation Treatment Unit**, which has reduced the travel time required for more than 1,000 radiation patients to receive their life saving treatment.
- The **Thoracic Intake Clinic**, which provides more timely access to care for patients with suspected lung cancer through a partnership between RVH and Toronto East General Hospital.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program will host **Cancer Care Community Pearls** on **Wednesday June 1, 2011** from 1730-1930 at the Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie. This event, targeted to administrative and nursing staff from referring physician offices across the region, promises to be an informative and interactive evening.

Participants can expect to:

- Learn about the progress of the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre
- Receive tools to help patients prepare for their New Patient Visit & Cancer Journey
- Meet members from the Cancer Care Community
- Network with colleagues
- Tell us how we're doing and where we need to improve

Dinner and parking are provided. **To register, e-mail Lesley MacInnis: macinnisl@rvh.on.ca**

SMRCC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre, part of the Phase 1 Expansion Project, is currently at **70% completion** and is on track to open on the Royal Victoria Hospital site in early 2012



Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre



Cancer centre outpatient waiting room



UPCOMING EVENTS

Updates in Oncology 2011 Conference
Mon. May 16, 2011
 0830-1630
 Georgian College
 Barrie
 To register e-mail:
kolinkok@rvh.on.ca

Regional Cancer Program Stakeholder Engagement Day
Mon. May 30, 2011
 To register contact
 Gloria Maloney
 705-728-9090
 ext 43020 or e-mail
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Cancer Care Community Pearls Regional Engagement Event
Wed. June 1, 2011
 1730-1930
 RVH—Auditorium
 To register contact
 Lesley MacInnis:
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4th Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Evening
Turn up the Volume
June 18, 2011—6pm
Georgian College Dining Room
 \$60 ticket includes
 Dinner / entertainment
 Contact Laura
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Regional Nurses Achieve de Souza Certification



“A virtual institute, the de Souza Institute is using innovative approaches to reach nurses wherever they practice.”

The de Souza Institute is an innovative centre of learning dedicated to providing the best cancer care by supporting excellence in oncology nursing. The Institute provides ongoing educational support, professional development and career counseling to Ontario nurses who care for oncology patients in any setting and phase of the cancer care journey.

Congratulations to the following nurses who successfully completed the de Souza Chemo Course during Winter 2011:

Tammy Shannon; Pam Newlove; Connie Johnstone; Sylvia Styling; Claire MacDonald; Courtney Pitman; Gail Hummel; Sandy Calvano; Anne Agar; Cindy Griffin; Deb Giffen; Kelly Bertram; Jean Lake; Mary Ellen Love; Trish MacIsaac; Michele Harris; Pamela Reesor; Korrie Martin; Kelly Cahill; Amanda LaMarche; Chris Pierog

For more information on de Souza opportunities visit their website at www.desouzanurse.ca



UPDATES IN ONCOLOGY 2011 CONFERENCE— A FOCUS ON PALLIATIVE CARE

Join us for a full day of learning on Monday May 16, 2011 at Georgian College's, Alumni Hall in Barrie. The session runs from 0830– 1630 with registration beginning at 0800.

Topics include:

- **Breaking Bad News: How to Do It Well** - Dr. Marjorie Docherty, Kelowna, BC
- **Increasing Capacity of Providers - Support from the North Simcoe Muskoka Palliative Care Resource Team**
- **Breakout Sessions — Oncological Emergencies***
**Topic Choices: Spinal Cord Compression, Hypercalcemia, Superior Vena Cava Syndrome*
- **Lunch Speaker – Cancer Care and Palliative Care: Progress in Patient-Centred Care** - Dr. Larry Librach, Director, Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care
- **Take a Breather: learn to cope and manage breathlessness** - Cathy Kiteley, Advanced Practice Nurse, Credit Valley Hospital
- **“What about me?” - Including young people at the end of life** - Ceilidh Eaton Russell, Certified Child Life Specialist & Grief Counsellor, Max and Beatrice Wolfe Children's Centre & Dr. Jay Children's Grief Program
- **Compassion Fatigue: The Cost of Caring** - Eugene Dufour, Executive Director, Bereavement Ontario Network
- **Palliative Care in North Simcoe Muskoka Today** - Dr. Jim Shaver, Regional Palliative Care Lead, Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program

Cost (includes lunch):

Physicians— \$100.00, Other (NP, RN, RPN, Allied Health Professional, etc.) - \$75.00.

Register by May 5th via e-mail to: kolinkok@rvh.on.ca