



Spotlight focuses on York Central nurses

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York Central Hospital has been selected as a best practice spotlight organization candidate by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

The selection means the hospital's 942 nurses will take part in a three-year commitment under the Nurses Association, where York Central nurses will look to implement, evaluate and share lessons learned from Nurses Association guidelines, experiences and research findings.

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The Nurses Association will commit financial and expert resources based on funding support received from the provincial government and best practice spotlight organization candidates. York Central Hospital will commit finances and expertise from its own resources.

Under the new designation, during the first year, the hospital will focus on the changing practice within the following areas: person-focused care; delirium, dementia, depression; prevention of falls; management of stroke; and foot ulcers care.

"York Central Hospital is very proud of the dedication to quality care being provided to our patients, families and the community by our nurses every day," said Tiziana Rivera, the hospital's interim chief nurse executive/chief practice officer.

"We are honoured that Doris Grinspun, the RNAO's executive director is here to support the official launch ceremony and announce York Central Hospital's candidacy to become a best practice spotlight organization," she added last week.

The hospital's interim president and CEO Jo-anne Marr commented that York Central receiving such a distinction is no fluke and she applauded the service provided by the centre's health care professionals and, in particular, the nursing staff.

"This is no small feat. It takes many dedicated hours and people to determine if this is a suitable fit. Becoming a candidate shows compassion and caring for our patient, and the openness to changing, with the knowledge that we are adopting and creating the very best processes for our patients." Ms Marr stated.

After the three-year mark, organizations may "graduate" to become best practice spotlight organizations as they continue their commitment to implement, evaluate and disseminate best practice guidelines.