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## Media Release

### York Central Receives Full Accreditation from Accreditation Canada

Richmond Hill, ON – York Central Hospital is pleased to announce it has met all required conditions from Accreditation Canada and is receiving full Accreditation as a result. This achievement highlights York Central's determination and dedication to ongoing quality improvement.

Accreditation is one of the most effective ways for hospitals to evaluate their services on a regular basis in order to improve and enhance the quality of those services. What makes York Central's achievement even more notable is this entire process was a voluntary one, as only teaching hospitals are required to be accredited.

"Receiving full accreditation means a lot to the organization because there were so many people involved and it touched almost every single department in some way," said Jo-anne Marr, Interim President and CEO, York Central Hospital. "By complying with Accreditation Canada's rigorous standards and Required Organizational Practices, we can be confident in our ability to consistently raise the bar when providing expert and compassionate care to our patients."

Accreditation Canada is a non-for-profit, independent organization that evaluates the quality of services delivered by health organizations using external peer reviews. Accreditation Canada has been fostering excellence in health services since 1958 and is accredited by the International Society for Quality in Health Care.

The Accreditation Canada team noted a number of areas of strength and innovation during their on site visit including:

- York Central's strategic planning and alignment practices;
- York Central's strong community partnerships;
- The establishment of York Central's Diversity Council and Ethics Program;
- York Central's ongoing community and staff engagement activities.

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## Backgrounder

### About York Central Hospital

Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (506 beds) located in Richmond Hill providing Emergency, Inpatient, Ambulatory, Continuing and Long-Term Care services to a community of over 500,000 residents in Southwest York Region. In addition to the services it provides locally, York Central Hospital is the District Stroke Centre for York Region and is home to a number of regional services including: the York Region Chronic Kidney Disease Program, York Region Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault Care Centre, and the York/Simcoe Behaviour Management and Autism Programs.