



Osler names Etobicoke Wellness Centre

*New building to house
doctors' offices, outpatient
clinics, and more*

Etobicoke General Hospital's transformation continues and the site's two new buildings are taking shape – with one recently christened as the Etobicoke Wellness Centre (EWC).

The new six-storey EWC will provide Etobicoke residents with even greater access to care. At more than double the size of the existing medical office building, the EWC will be home to a new 30-station satellite dialysis program, physicians' offices, IT training rooms, a fracture clinic and outpatient programs and services.

Etobicoke General's new four-storey patient tower is also progressing well. When opened in late 2018, the patient tower will be home



to the services most urgently needed by the community, including a larger emergency department, expanded cardiac care, intensive

care, and maternal newborn areas, as well as a new ambulatory procedures units and cardiorespiratory and neurodiagnostic services.

Enhanced discharge process provides greater access to care

Osler continues to look at ways of providing patients with even greater access to care while in the hospital and beyond. With a seven per cent Alternate Level of Care (ALC) rate, the lowest of all Ontario hospitals, Osler is ensuring patients are discharged and transitioned into the

community more seamlessly. The ALC rate measures the percentage of inpatient beds occupied by patients no longer requiring acute medical care. Osler continues efforts to improve its discharge process with the support of local health care partners in the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

Osler has been recognized as one of Greater Toronto's Top Employers for 2018.

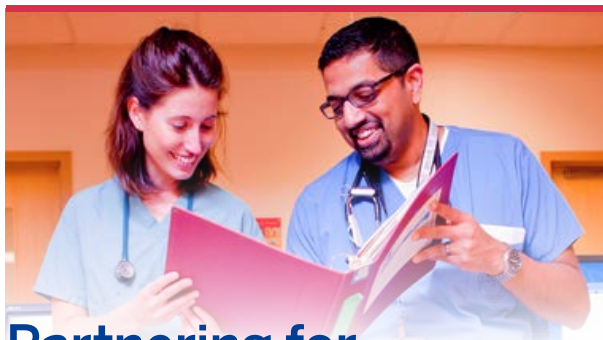
This is Osler's seventh year receiving this honour.



Osler provides quality leading surgical care closer to home



Brampton Civic Hospital and Etobicoke General Hospital surgical programs have been recognized for safety and quality by the American College of Surgeons, and ranked in the top 10 per cent among 680 hospitals across North America.



Partnering for healthy holidays

With the holidays right around the corner, health providers in the Central West region are preparing for the growing number of people needing care at hospitals or home care in the community.

To manage this expected seasonal increase, Osler along with Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Home and Community Care, paramedic services, primary care providers and many other community partners are working together to deliver safe, quality care over the holidays. As in previous years, health providers in the region will respond collaboratively to help patients transition home safely, with LHIN support, so hospitals can discharge patients more quickly and help reduce emergency department wait times. The plan is designed to improve patient flow, and provide better access to services in the community.

UPCOMING *Events*

Saturday, April 7, 2018

2018 Holi Gala (at 6:00 p.m.)
Pearson Convention Center
2638 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton

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TIPS FOR A HEALTHY *Holiday Season*

Go to the Emergency Department IF YOU HAVE:

- Pains or tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, severe abdominal pain
- Broken bones or wounds that may need stitches
- Sudden severe headaches, vision problems, weakness, numbness and/or tingling in the face, arm or leg, trouble speaking, or dizziness
- A child who is vomiting, has diarrhea and won't eat or drink
- A baby under six months with a fever over 37.9°C or 100°F
- Call **9-1-1** if you feel that your illness or injury is an emergency or potentially life threatening

Find out more about the community's health care options!
www.centralwesthealthline.ca

Go to your family doctor or family health team or walk-in clinic IF YOU HAVE:

- Minor illnesses like coughs and colds or minor injuries like cuts or sprains
- Long-standing or chronic medical problems
- If you're not sure, call **Telehealth Ontario** or **1-866-797-0000**

Stocking up on PRESCRIPTIONS!

Tips for you and your holiday guests:

- Check and renew/refill your prescriptions NOW before your doctor's office closes for the holidays
- Find out when your doctor's office is going to be closed during the holidays and ask about on-call coverage or walk-in clinics
- If you have visitors staying for the holidays, remind them to refill their prescriptions before they leave home

FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Yearly flu vaccines protect against multiple strains of the virus. Get immunized to help prevent the seasonal flu and protect yourself, as well as your family and loved ones. Talk to your pharmacist, local public health office or family doctor about getting the flu shot.

To find a location near you, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/get-flu-shot

