

Media Advisory

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HOSPITALS AWARDED FOR CHAMPIONING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network is proud to recognize Ontario hospitals for their ongoing commitment to save lives through organ and tissue donation. Last fiscal year (April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016) was the most successful year to date with a record 296 deceased organ donors, 1,173 life-saving organ transplants and more than 2,200 tissue donors.

The success of organ and tissue donation in Ontario relies on the hard work and commitment of hospitals. Nineteen hospitals were recognized with awards across four categories. Highlights include:

- The **Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award** was presented to Georgian Bay General Hospital, Pembroke Regional Hospital, and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute for maintaining a 100 per cent routine notification (the rate at which hospitals notify Trillium Gift of Life Network when a patient has died and there may be potential for organ and/or tissue donation).
- The **Provincial Conversion Rate Award** was presented to 15 hospitals for meeting or exceeding the target set to convert potential organ donors to actual donors. Organ donation is a complex process and this award reflects how well hospitals work with Trillium Gift of Life Network to save lives.
- For meeting or exceeding the provincial conversion rate target in four or more consecutive years, the **Award of Excellence** was presented to: Grand River Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences, Health Sciences North, and The Ottawa Hospital.
- Two healthcare professionals, Isabel Hayward (Hamilton Health Sciences) and Sonya Canzian (St. Michael's Hospital), were recognized with the **Hospital Donation Champion Award** for embracing donation and leading culture change at their respective hospitals.

Complete list of 2015/16 hospital award recipients:

- **Bluewater Health:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Collingwood General & Marine Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Georgian Bay General Hospital:** Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award
- **Grand River Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, and Award of Excellence
- **Guelph General Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Hamilton Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, Award of Excellence, and Hospital Donation Champion Award
- **Health Sciences North:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, and Award of Excellence
- **Lakeridge Health:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Markham Stouffville Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Pembroke Regional Hospital:** Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award

- **Peterborough Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Queensway Carleton Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Quinte Health Care:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Rouge Valley Health System:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **St. Mary's General Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **St. Michael's Hospital:** Hospital Donation Champion Award
- **The Ottawa Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, and Award of Excellence
- **Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **University of Ottawa Heart Institute:** Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award

For data by hospital and region, visit: www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm.

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