

Media Advisory

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Hospitals Awarded For Commitment to Organ and Tissue Donation

TORONTO - Trillium Gift of Life Network, Ontario's organ and tissue donation and transplant agency, is proud to recognize 27 hospitals and two community partners for their outstanding efforts to integrate donation into quality end-of-life care. Today, more than 1,500 people in Ontario are on the transplant waitlist, and every three days someone dies waiting due to a lack of available organs. These awards celebrate the commitment of hospitals to save and enhance the lives of Ontarians.

Trillium Gift of Life Network is recognizing award winners across four categories. Highlights include:

- Twenty-four hospitals received the **Provincial Conversion Rate Award** for meeting or exceeding the target conversion rate of 58 per cent set by Trillium Gift of Life Network. The conversion rate is the percentage of potential organ donors (patients who die in a hospital setting and are deemed medically suitable for donation) who went on to become actual donors.
- Four hospitals (Hamilton Health Sciences, Health Sciences North, Peterborough Regional Health Centre and The Ottawa Hospital), earned the **Award of Excellence** for meeting or exceeding the provincial conversion rate target for four or more consecutive years, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the implementation of donation best practices.
- Three hospitals (CHEO, Kirkland District Hospital, Pembroke Regional Hospital) accepted the **Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award** for achieving a 100 per cent routine notification rate throughout 2017/18. Routine notification is the rate at which hospitals notify Trillium Gift of Life Network when a patient has died and there may be the opportunity for organ and/or tissue donation.
- The **Champion Award** recognized seven healthcare professionals for embracing donation and leading culture change at their respective hospitals or organization.

A complete list of 2017/18 Trillium Gift of Life Network Award recipients are below:

- **Chatham-Kent Health Alliance:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **CHEO:** Provincial Routine Notification Award
- **Grand River Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Grey Bruce Health Services:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Hamilton Health Sciences:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Award of Excellence
- **Health Sciences North:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Award of Excellence

- **Huron Perth Health Alliance:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Hospital Donation Champion (Dr. Tyler Rouse)
- **Kirkland District Hospital:** Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award
- **London Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Michael Garron Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Niagara Health System:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **North Bay Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Ottawa Paramedic Service:** Tissue Champion Award (Suzanne Noel)
- **Pembroke Regional Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, Provincial Routine Notification Rate, and Hospital Donation Champion (François Lemaire)
- **Peterborough Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate, Award of Excellence and Hospital Donation Champion (Susan Dunford)
- **Prescott Russell Paramedic Service:** Tissue Champion Award (Marc Andre Periard)
- **Queensway Carleton Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **Sault Area Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **St. Mary's General Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **St. Michael's Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate
- **Sunnybrook Hospital:** Hospital Donation Champion (Dr. Brian Cuthbertson)
- **The Ottawa Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate, Award of Excellence
- **Timmins and District Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **University of Ottawa Heart Institute:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **William Osler Health System:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Windsor Regional Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award, Hospital Donation Champion (Dr. Natalie Malus)

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Trillium Gift of Life Network is the Government of Ontario agency responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation and transplantation across the province and for continually improving the system so that more lives can be saved.