

Temiskaming Hospital

April 29, 2009

Temiskaming Hospital, the newest addition to Ontario's Critical Care Information System

On April 14, 2009, Temiskaming Hospital 'went live' with the Critical Care Information System (CCIS) and is now reporting data on patients admitted to the special care unit.

As Ontario's population grows and ages, it is anticipated there will be a greater need for critical care services. Hospital critical care units with specialized health care teams work 24/7 to save the lives of critically ill patients and to provide essential services such as emergency transportation.

Given the limited ICU resources across Ontario and their cost to taxpayers (the most expensive resources that hospitals provide), we have a responsibility to use them as effectively and efficiently as possible. The CCIS not only supports crisis management, but also supports and helps us to understand, anticipate and respond to the day-to-day demand for critical care services.

The CCIS will allow hospitals to monitor availability for transfers, help plan for better support to emergency teams, and develop better inter-facility transfer strategies. Overall, the new system will provide the province with a comprehensive solution to meet demand surges, improve future decision-making, improve current use of critical care resources, and use technology to provide accountability, ethical and logistical improvements to critical care in Ontario.

For more information about Ontario's Critical Care Information (CCIS), log on to www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/critical_care/cct_infosystem.html



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Visiting Hours:

- 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for obstetrics patients;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).