



Hospitals partner on ehealth solution to streamline patient care

A new partnership among Markham Stouffville Hospital, Southlake Regional Health Centre, and Stevenson Memorial Hospital streamlines patient records to support seamless patient care across the three organizations

MARKHAM, ON, February 8, 2017 – The CEOs of Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH), Southlake Regional Health Centre (Southlake), and Stevenson Memorial Hospital (Stevenson), are excited to announce a new partnership to integrate their Health Information System (HIS) and accelerate the adoption of electronic health records.

Over the next year, Southlake and Stevenson will update their HIS to the latest version of Meditech's system, a solution already in use at MSH. Meditech systems are in use at over 50% of Ontario hospitals.

Updating health information systems through this partnership will create an electronic foundation that will enable Southlake and Stevenson to more rapidly move to a fully electronic health record, joining MSH, the top ranked community hospital in Canada as ranked by Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), completing paperless records and a highly integrated health information technology systems throughout all the departments that are connected seamlessly and work efficiently, and they are connected to an electronic health record the region.

This partnership positions all three organizations to more readily adopt technologies that improve patient care and safety, as well as enhance patients' experience while in hospital. It marks the first integration of its kind under the province's eHealth 2.0 guidelines, released in the summer of 2016.

Taking a one patient; one record approach, this integration will enable seamless access to patients' health information at all three sites. The robust, integrated system, allows clinicians to access more information about their patients when they need it from almost anywhere. This will be particularly beneficial to patients who are cared for at multiple sites, such as cardiac and cancer patients, who receive care at both their local hospital and at one of Southlake's regional programs.

Quotes:

I am inspired to see this partnership unfold, and am pleased to work with two excellent organizations like Southlake and Markham Stouffville Hospital on a critical project to deliver safe, quality care. This groundbreaking partnership allows smaller hospitals opportunities to bring optimal technology to daily operations, and ultimately improve patient experience.

- *Jody Levac, President & CEO, Stevenson Memorial Hospital*

We are excited to work with Southlake and Stevenson on this collaborative partnership. We believe that by working together we can maximize our resources and invest in systems and technologies that will benefit our patients. This new partnership builds on Markham Stouffville Hospital's expertise with Meditech and we are excited to leverage this knowledge to the mutual benefit of all three organizations.

- *Jo-anne Marr, President & CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital*

This partnership puts patients first in that it improves quality and seamless access to health records between the three hospitals. As a regional centre, Southlake provides care to patients from across York Region and Simcoe County and there are tremendous benefits and efficiencies that integrated technology will provide.

- *Dr. Dave Williams, President & CEO, Southlake Regional Health Centre*

When healthcare organizations share a single, modern system, we see substantial benefits to patients in the community. MEDITECH is proud to play a key role in accelerating EHR adoption and driving quality care, and we're excited to see future results of this long-term partnership."

- *Christine Parent, Associate Vice President of Marketing, MEDITECH*

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About Markham Stouffville Hospital

Markham Stouffville Hospital is a progressive, two-site, community hospital with 275 beds, leading diagnostic services and clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children's services. Partnering with other specialist providers, the hospital's 450 physicians, 2,100 staff, and 1,300 volunteers make it the centre of community care for the residents of the City of Markham and the Towns of Stouffville and Uxbridge.

Having recently completed a significant expansion and renovation, Markham Stouffville Hospital's is well positioned to serve the needs of the community with an expanded emergency department, expanded diagnostic imaging centre, enhanced childbirth and children's services program and expanded mental health services. For more information, visit www.msh.on.ca, find Markham Stouffville Hospital on Facebook and follow @MSHospital.

About Southlake Regional Health Centre

Southlake Regional Health Centre is a full-service hospital with a regional, clinically advanced focus.

Southlake offers almost 400 patient beds and accommodates more than 100,000 visits to the Emergency Department, 23,000 in-patient admissions, and more 350,000 out-patient visits each year. As a regionally designated site, Southlake is responsible for developing and providing advanced levels of care to the more than 1 million people who reside in York Region, Simcoe County, and in some cases, as far north as Muskoka.

Advanced, specialty services include: arthritis care, cancer care, cardiac care, cataract surgery, child and adolescent eating disorders, mental health services for children, paediatrics and perinatal care, and thoracic surgery

Southlake is proud to have a team of almost 3000 employees, 540 physicians, and more than 800 volunteers. Combined with our commitment to provide the best possible care to patients, our goal is to make Southlake synonymous with healthcare excellence.

About Stevenson Memorial Hospital

Located one-hour north of downtown Toronto in the community of Alliston, Stevenson Memorial Hospital (Stevenson) is a fully accredited hospital serving Adjala-Tosorontio, Canadian Forces Base Borden, Essa, Innisfil, and New Tecumseth.

Stevenson offers a wide scope of diagnostic, medical and surgical services, with more than 11,000 in-patient days, 21,000 out-patient visits, and more than 350 babies born at the hospital last year. Stevenson emergency department also saw with more than 35,000 patient visits last year, with the shortest ambulance offload times in Simcoe County.

About MEDITECH

Today, more than 2,400 institutions worldwide use MEDITECH's clinically-integrated and interoperable EHR to provide healthcare to the communities they serve. Their robust, patient-centered technology spans the healthcare continuum, including unique functional capacity for ambulatory care, acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation services, behavioral health, and home care.