



News release

Regional cardiac care recognized on world stage

Rouge Valley cardiac team being published and presenting at international conference

February 25, 2013 – Rouge Valley and its cardiac care partners have been recognized for leadership in patient care by an international business academy.

The hospital has recently been recognized for this leadership by the International Academy for Management and Business (IAMB), which has accepted two abstract submissions from the regional cardiac program, as led by Rouge Valley, for publication and presentation at the 15th Annual IAMB Conference in Lisbon, Portugal from April 17 to 19. IAMB is an academic association dedicated to advancing the research, teaching and practice of management and business worldwide through academic publications and by fostering a small conference setting with multi-national delegates.

The submissions, written by staff and doctors practising at the hospital, report on two recent projects implemented to enhance Rouge Valley Health System's regional cardiac services for patients. Both projects used a Lean approach as their framework:

1. *Using Lean Thinking for Integration, Collaboration and Regionalization of Cardiac Rehabilitation Services* (Authors - Glyn Boatswain, Lorraine Carrington, Rohan Gonsalves, Amber Heath, Dr. Amelia McCutcheon, Dr. Joe Ricci, Paul VanWiechen); and
2. *Cardiac Arrhythmia Management Redesign Project: Using a Lean Approach to Deliver Quality Patient Care* (Authors - Glyn Boatswain, Rohan Gonsalves, Dr. Amir Janmohamed, Dr. Bhavanesh Makanjee, Dr. Amelia McCutcheon, Dr. Joe Ricci).

The first submission outlines how Rouge Valley was able to successfully develop an integrated and standardized cardiovascular rehabilitation and prevention program across it and Lakeridge Health, and growth opportunities to expand services to additional cardiac rehabilitation facilities.

The second submission presents how Rouge Valley enhanced the quality of its regional arrhythmia services in five quality dimensions: patient satisfaction; clinical excellence; safety; effectiveness and efficiency.

Lean is Rouge Valley's hospital-wide philosophy and approach to constant improvement that puts patients first. The core concept is to maximize value for patients, while minimizing waste in the system.

Rouge Valley's regional cardiac care centre

Rouge Valley Health System has a leading cardiac care program, and is home to the regional cardiac care centre for the Scarborough-Durham area. The cardiac program consists of a highly-qualified and experienced team of more than 20 cardiologists and more than 100 health professionals, who serve the communities of east Toronto and Durham Region from both hospital campuses — Rouge Valley Centenary and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering. RVHS delivers a complete range of cardiac services, including cardiac diagnostics and consultations, as well as regional services such as life-saving

intervention procedures, arrhythmia management and cardiac rehabilitation and education. Regional services are delivered in partnership with Lakeridge Health, The Scarborough Hospital, and the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) — The best at what we do.

RVHS is an excellent acute care community hospital with many programs, including 24/7/365 emergency, obstetrics, paediatrics, cardiac care and mental health. Rouge Valley consists of several health sites, including two community hospital campuses: Rouge Valley Centenary in east Toronto; and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering in west Durham. Together, a team of physicians, nurses and many other professionals care for a broad spectrum of health conditions. Working in consultation and partnership with community members, other hospitals, health care organizations, the Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Rouge Valley continues to improve its programs and cater to the needs of the growing communities of east Toronto, Ajax, Pickering and Whitby.

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