

The Scarborough Hospital  
Medical Staff Association  
(MSA) Presentation to  
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“It’s all about (the economy) patient care” –adapted from James Carville, 1982

# Critical issues

- Pediatric care at both sites
- Emergency surgical care at the Birchmount site

- “There is no disease more conducive to humility than aneurysm of the aorta”

- “Medicine is the science of uncertainty and an art of probability”

- “One special advantage of the skeptical mind is that a man is never vexed to find that after all he has been in the wrong”

# Why are we here?

- Patient Safety
- Concern for the residents of Scarborough

# Pediatric Implications

- No Obstetrics = No Pediatric Emergency Room coverage
- No Greater Toronto Area (GTA) community hospital without Pediatrics
- Shortage of Pediatricians



# Emergency Room

- 45/47 of The Scarborough Hospital Emergency Room physicians felt that coverage of the Emergency Room would not be safe without Pediatric coverage at both sites
- Critically ill children will not receive the care they deserve

# Compromised Patient Care

- Pediatric care at the General site will deteriorate
- Surgical care at the Birchmount will deteriorate

# Conclusion

- The physicians of The Scarborough Hospital ask that the Central East LHIN delay acceptance of The Scarborough Hospital's Strategic Plan Refresh.
- We need to work together with the Central East LHIN and all three hospitals to provide safe and effective care for the residents of Scarborough
- \$55-75 Million over three years???