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Halton Healthcare Services Launches Redesigned Website

HHS unveiled its redesigned website today enhancing a more user-friendly environment and providing a more accessible and useful online experience for patients, staff and visitors. The recent changes to <u>www.haltonhealthcare.com</u> are all part of fulfilling HHS's overall strategic vision to continuously seek innovations to improve their ability to deliver quality care and services to all patients and visitors and to be leaders in working towards a healthier community.

"Our revamped website mirrors the dynamic growth that is taking place at our three hospitals," says John Oliver, president and CEO of HHS. "It's been some years since our site was updated. Since then some new, exciting technologies have come along that we wanted to bring to our community."

With a fresh and clean design, the HHS website now consists of the following sections:

About Halton Healthcare, Patients and Visitors, Programs & Services; Quality & Patient Safety, Become A Volunteer, Career Opportunities, Library and Contact Us. It also features a Calendar with relevant events, the ability to sign up for their monthly enewsletter, and provides access to their social media pages including Twitter and Facebook. Also, users now have access to the Google translation tool, which provides a "machine" translation of any HTML text on the websites in 63 languages. See website disclaimer at bottom of web page to read about limitations of this tool.

"Time is precious to all of us and the website ensures that our patients and their families have the best access to information so they have a better awareness of all our top-ranked services," adds Mr. Oliver.

The new website is mobile friendly and is now easy to read and navigate through when accessed through other technology. It also adheres to the Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), providing an enhanced online experience for those with disabilities.

Also, with plans to continually evolve the new website, features such as pay a bill online, patient ecards, RRS feeds, virtual tours, and online videos are scheduled to be added soon.

The HHS website has the flexibility to expand easily, adjusts to the ever changing demand of users and remains in-line with technological progress and behavioural changes online. The new website also plays an integral role as the public face of Halton's three community Hospitals and offsite healthcare facilities.

"This launch lays the foundation for ongoing evolution and expansion of the Halton Healthcare Services website with new features and improvements being made continually. We look forward to feedback from our users and exciting new developments to come," says Oliver.

Halton Healthcare Services is a multi-site organization providing care and access to the three community hospitals in Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills, and reflects the dynamic community it serves. HHS is committed to providing quality, compassionate care and services to meet the diverse needs of our population in a timely and effective manner.

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