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New Pediatric Clinic Open in Halton Hills Supporting Children and Families

Halton Healthcare has introduced a new pediatric clinic at Georgetown Hospital for members of the community under the age of 18.

"We are very pleased to offer this new clinic as a resource to parents, families and community physicians in the Georgetown, Acton and surrounding areas," said Cindy McDonell, Chief Operating Officer, Georgetown Hospital.

The clinic is the latest addition to services at the hospital designed to meet the needs of its growing community.

"In April 2016 Georgetown Hospital saw the successful re-launch of the obstetrics and gynaecology program with the arrival of two obstetricians," said Dr. Justin Busse, Associate Chief of Staff, Georgetown Hospital. "This was followed by the introduction of the Post Emergency Pediatric Clinic (PEPC) which provides follow-up for children who were first seen in the Emergency Department. The new Pediatric Clinic rounds out the pediatric service and fills a void in the services available within the community."

The clinic, led by Dr. Hasan Al Shabanah, Medical Director of Pediatrics for Georgetown Hospital, and supported by a group of pediatricians, will provide a much needed service for those in the community under the age of 18 years. With a referral from a family physician, walkin clinic, nurse practitioner or midwife, pediatric consultations are available regarding a wide range of pediatric health concerns including behaviour challenges, weight loss, migraines, and more. "We are delighted to be able to welcome physicians such as Dr. Al Shabanah and his colleagues to our hospital and continue to expand our services to better meet the needs of our community," concluded Cindy McDonell.

The clinic currently operates two days a week. Referrals to the clinic can be faxed to 905.873.2953.

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About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals -Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to almost 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit <u>www.haltonhealthcare.com</u> Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare and Facebook.

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