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Collaboration Agreement Signing Event Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (AMGH) & Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health

A FIRST in ONTARIO! A collaborative partnership between a rural hospital and rural research centre both dedicated to the promotion of excellence in rural healthcare.

Sharing a singular focus to showcase rural healthcare as an integral and essential piece of the overall healthcare system, and to promote excellence in the health and wellbeing of rural communities, Gateway and AMGH have joined together to bring research, evidence based training, and knowledge transfer into the working environment of an academic small rural community hospital. This collaboration accelerates and promotes opportunities for innovation and expands for both organizations the network of expertise, knowledge across the broad sectors of economic development, education, private enterprise, and healthcare.

Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (AMGH)

Awarded a 4 year high quality standing with commendation by Accreditation Canada in 2013 and selected in 2015 to receive the Canadian Healthcare Organization of Distinction award, the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) is the largest provider of healthcare in Huron County and the 2nd largest employer in Goderich, Ontario . Located on the shores of Lake Huron, AMGH is a small rural community healthcare organization offering a broad range of acute and regional hospital services such as telestroke and dialysis, and 24/7 emergency care. AMGH is the designated Huron County Adult Psychiatric facility, and operates five community mental health and addiction service centres for the care of clients across the county.

AMGH is committed to elevating the health and wellbeing of our communities. They embrace a simple but powerful mission that commits to those they serve that *You Can Count On Me* to provide the highest quality of care and ensure you have an exceptional patient experience. The organization's vision *I CARE* speaks to the degree of importance placed on Innovation, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and striving for Excellence in all they do. Their *Roadmap to Excellence* puts action, intent, and alignment into achieving goals and outcomes.

Gateway Centre Of Excellence in Rural Health (GCERH)

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) aims to improve the health and quality of life of rural residents through research, education and communication. Gateway's vision is to build a centre of excellence dedicated to advancing rural health teaching and community-based research across the Huron-Perth-Bruce-Grey region in order to:

- Improve patient health, productivity and wellness
- Reduce rates of chronic diseases in rural communities
- Reduce strain on emergency rooms and hospital beds
- Reduce impact of disease on rural families and communities
- Improve education, recruitment and retention in rural communities
- Improve patient adherence to prescribed medication

Questions :

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