

MEDIA ADVISORY

CAN THE WAIT TIME STRATEGY HELP REDUCE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT TIMES?

April 21, 2009

- WHAT** Dr. Alan Hudson, Ontario's Lead of Access to Services and Wait Times, will talk about the progress made in Ontario to reduce wait times for surgery and diagnostic imaging, and discuss the approach being used to reduce Emergency Room wait times.
- WHO** Dr. Hudson; Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN; Leslee Thompson, President & CEO, Kingston General Hospital
- WHEN** 0900 hours, Tuesday, April 28, 2009
- WHERE** Executive Committee Room, Watkins 2, Kingston General Hospital, 76 Stuart St., Kingston (enter through Old Main Entrance)*
- Or attend via teleconference: 1-866-440-8941 or 416-343-2659. Participant Code: 1261933#

Local media have a unique opportunity to talk to the man who has led Ontario's efforts to reduce wait times and improve access to healthcare services. A great deal of progress has been made to reduce wait times for surgery and diagnostic imaging in Ontario. Now, the focus is on a more complex task: reducing hospital ER wait times. While in the South East LHIN, Dr. Hudson is meeting with the LHIN Board of Directors and staff, hospital and community CEOs, senior leaders, and medical and other healthcare staff.

A respected neurosurgeon, Dr. Hudson was President and CEO of Toronto's University Health Network, and President and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario, which oversees cancer services in the province.

Paul Huras, Chief Executive Officer of the South East LHIN, Dr. Michael O'Connor, Emergency Department Lead for the LHIN and Leslee Thompson, President & CEO of KGH will also be available to speak with media regarding wait times in the South East.

More information on the Wait Time Strategy is available on the Ontario Government website at ontariowaittimes.com.

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