

Media Release

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Help shape the future of KGH

Leslee Thompson, Kingston General Hospital's President and CEO, is leading the development of a long-term strategy to guide the hospital's efforts to meet the needs of the half a million people it serves within southeastern Ontario.

In addition to seeking input from those who work at KGH, Thompson and members of KGH's Board of Directors are reaching out for guidance from those who count on KGH.

"We need to build on our existing strengths and adapt to the changing world around us," says Thompson. "We also need to sharpen our focus on the things that matter most. We have not yet felt the full impact of the economic downturn, and we must prepare ourselves for meeting the increasingly complex needs of patients and families who count on us for care. It's clear that the future holds both challenges and opportunities for KGH, and that's why we are now turning to the creation of a long-term strategy."

Residents of southeastern Ontario are invited to provide their input by completing a survey on KGH's website at www.kgh.on.ca.

Feedback from the survey will complement input received through dozens of meetings with patients, seniors, physicians, students and many other groups who rely on KGH, as well as extensive internal consultation.

Thompson and KGH's Board of Directors will release the strategy at the hospital's Annual General Meeting in June 2010.

Affiliated with Queen's University, Kingston General Hospital is a 456-bed specialized teaching and research hospital that serves more than 500,000 people in southeastern Ontario and is the community hospital for the Kingston area. KGH provides an array of specialized acute and ambulatory clinical services including trauma, cardiac, stroke, pediatric, perinatal, end stage renal and stem cell transplants. Home to the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, KGH is dedicated to compassionate, high quality health care in a dynamic academic research environment. It features a robust research program and provides hands-on skill training for close to 1,900 health-care students annually. For more information, visit the web site at www.kgh.on.ca.

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Note to editors: Leslee Thompson is available between 9:30-11 a.m. April 9.

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