



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Groves Memorial Community Hospital and North Wellington Health Care Receive 2011 Quality Workplace Award**

*November 16, 2011...* Groves Memorial Community Hospital and North Wellington Health Care were jointly awarded a SILVER Quality Healthcare Workplace Award by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – HealthForce Ontario.

GMCH and NWHC were among 37 hospitals and health care organizations recognized for their efforts to improve their workplaces in ways that contribute to employees' quality of work life and the quality of the care and services they deliver. The awards were presented this month at the OHA's annual conference in Toronto.

"We are very proud to receive and share in this recognition amongst a very large audience." states Jerome Quenneville, President and CEO of GMCH and NWHC. "Our focus this year included our commitment to programs and services which promotes effective Teamwork and Communication and our continued commitment to a safe, healthy and respectful workplace."

Healthcare organizations from across Ontario have participated in this program to raise the bar of excellence for quality healthcare workplaces. The award has four levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum - designed to encourage self-evaluation, learning, and improvement.

A high-calibre adjudication panel of quality workplace experts completed a rigorous assessment process when reviewing all the candidates, which focused on drivers of employee and organizational health.

To learn more about the OHA's Quality Healthcare Workplace Awards, please log on to their site at [www.oha.com](http://www.oha.com), and look under Services, Healthy Work Environments, Quality Healthcare Workplace Awards.

Wellington Health Care Alliance is an administrative Alliance comprised of two corporations at three hospital sites; Groves Memorial Community Hospital (Fergus, ON) and North Wellington Health Care Corporation, which is Palmerston and District Hospital and Louise Marshall Hospital (Mount Forest, ON). Our Hospitals have reputations for excellence in patient care and compassion.

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**Accepting the award on behalf of our local hospitals at recent Health Achieve Conference in Toronto.**

**Back Row:** John Podmore, GMCH Board Member; Al Hodgson, NWHC Board Chair; Steve Street, WHCA Vice President, Corporate Services & Planning CIO\CPO; Marsha Martin, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Lou Brown, NWHC Board Member  
**Front Row:** Courtney Reid, GMCH Senior Financial Analyst; Amy Weaver, GMCH Human Resources Advisor, Jerome Quenneville, WHCA President and CEO; Diane Wilkinson WHCA Vice President Patient Services/Chief Nursing Executive