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**Statement from St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
President and CEO Paul Collins**

We at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital are surprised and concerned by the events that have unfolded today. Our hospital shares the values of compassion and respect, and under these circumstances, we feel these are important to consider, as this story continues to unfold.

The media are reporting on a story and Dr. Khurram Sher's name has surfaced in that investigation.

Dr. Sher was hired by our hospital and began employment as a full-time pathologist on August 3, 2010. This followed a lengthy recruitment process, where we followed our normal recruitment policies and procedures.

We have not been contacted directly by the RCMP, or any other investigative agency to ask us any questions about this situation. We did contact the RCMP in London to confirm the arrest of Dr. Sher. We, of course, will work cooperatively with the law enforcement and other investigative agencies, when requested to do so.

We will be moving forward to address how we will manage our pathology work load in the short term and then later, if necessary in the long term as well.

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