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Learn More About How the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital is Performing

St. Thomas, ON – A new consumer website is helping Elgin County residents learn more about how their local area hospitals are performing.

Unveiled for the first time today, ***myhospitalcare.ca*** gives Ontarians an unprecedented opportunity to learn more about how their local hospitals are performing by location, type of care, indicator, or hospital name.

"By making hospital performance information easy for people to access, *myhospitalcare.ca* is empowering patients and helping hospitals become even more accountable than they already are," says Tom Closson, President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association.

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) has long been committed to public accountability and transparency, and is pleased to have this new site designed with the average person in mind.

"At STEGH we value accountability," says STEGH CEO Paul Collins. "This new OHA website offers another opportunity for our community to monitor our performance."

Patients rarely access existing hospital performance information, and when they do, they often find it very technical and difficult to understand. However, it is clear that patients want to know more – and understand more – about their hospitals so that they can actively manage their own health care. *myhospitalcare.ca* is about involving patients.

myhospitalcare.ca is designed solely as a public education tool. Patients should not use the site as a guide to choosing a hospital.

Like all public reporting on health system performance, this site strives to inspire improved performance, enhance patient safety and strengthen the public's confidence in Ontario's hospitals.

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