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Thank you FOR THE SUPPORT



2024 Par 3 Charity Challenge

DRIVEN BY THE
Dingwall
GROUP



Under hot, sunny skies on July 11, 2024, golfers and volunteers gathered for the 4th Annual Par 3 Charity Challenge, driven by The Dingwall Group. The event raised an impressive \$225,252 to help fund a new Mammography Unit at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH). With this replacement, the hospital upgrades its mammography capabilities to include tomography, contrast-enhanced imaging, and stereotactic biopsies – more services close to home.

The all-inclusive 18-hole golf event saw remarkable participation and generosity from the community with a full slate of golfers, 70 sponsors, and 85 volunteers contributing to its success. A highlight of the day was the Golf Ball Drop which, for the second year running, captivated attendees by the scene of Jarnel Contracting's crane hoisting 500 pre-sold, numbered golf balls 20 feet above the 18th green. Linda from Kenora ON won the \$3,000 closest-to-the-hole prize.

The success of the Par 3 tournament was driven by the strong commitment to healthcare demonstrated by Kenora and regional business sponsors.

The collective support of seven Presenting Sponsors – The Standard Insurance, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, Jarnel Contracting, Sierra Construction, Princecraft Boats, BDO LLP, and Prairie Toyota Dealers, and one Presenting Donor - Sean Lawton - set the tone for the day. Additionally, the 45 other sponsors played a pivotal role in the day's success. The dedicated efforts of the planning team ensured the day ran smoothly. Special thanks to Laci Dingwall, Shauna Aubin, and all involved for their continued commitment to enhancing patient care at our local hospital.

"It's amazing to have so many businesses and volunteers all come together for such an important cause; I'm humbled every year to see the momentum that this event has gotten and truly thankful for the generous support of all of our partners!"
said organizer, Laci Dingwall.



LIFESAVERS DINNER AND AUCTION

Elevating Healthcare Together

A hand-thrown pottery vase, a “sparkle-hour” Plein Air experience, a fishing trip with Bassmaster Champion Jeff Gustafson and a Brew Co beer tasting at your dock - these were some of the auction items donated by local businesses and artisans for the 18th edition of the Lifesavers Dinner and Auction, held at the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club (RLWYC) on August 10th, 2024.

Over 160 guests and dignitaries enjoyed an evening of celebration, starting with a lively cocktail hour and followed by a three-course meal prepared by Chef Rob Thomas. Dr. Sean Moore, Chief of Staff at LWDH, delivered a compelling speech on "Recognizing Our Community's Needs and Responding," emphasizing the crucial role the community plays in enhancing patient care.

Cheryl O'Flaherty, President and CEO of LWDH emphasized, “the annual Lifesavers Dinner is a cornerstone event for our hospital. We are grateful to the community for the continued support of our hospital's capital equipment needs.”

Master of Ceremonies Catherine Konantz and Live Auctioneer Don Konantz brought energy and excitement to the auctions which included generous contributions from local businesses and organizations. The Whistle Raffle featured a Yamaha Moro 7 E-bike donated by WSL Sport & Leisure and Tall Pines Marina.

The resounding success of the Lifesavers event is namely due to the generous care shared by 30 Lighthouse Families, over a dozen anchor donors, all the attendees, as well as the countless individuals and organizations who provided auction prizes to support the initiative.

"The continued success of the Lifesavers Dinner and Auction is a powerful demonstration of our community's dedication to transforming healthcare close to home," said Mira Trebilcock, Executive Director of LWDH Foundation.

4 Your Support, [Our Community's Strength.](#)



Photo from left to right; Mira Trebilcock, Ashley Hendy, Lisa Paterson, Aynsley Cockshott, Kevin Chipman and Kathy Devins. Lifesavers Committee members missing from the photo: Kate Paterson, Dr. Catherine Murray, Melissa Jean and Nicki Douglas.

The event raised over \$420,000 for the second year in a row!

Proceeds will support the following vital medical equipment at LWDH:

- Patient Lift Replacement -- All Departments
- 4 Hospital beds & Mattresses - 3E
- ECT Equipment - Mental Health & Addictions
- ECG Machine - Diagnostic Imaging (DI)
- Probes for Ultrasound - DI
- Electrosurgical Cautery Unit - ADC
- Automated Tissue Cassette Printer - Lab
- Central Line Sim Mannequin - Education



THIRD PARTY EVENTS

Our community cares!

We are fortunate to be chosen to receive proceeds from a variety of events that are planned and run by community members. The dedication and passion of the organizers, who invest their time and energy, is truly inspiring. Their support strengthens our ability to continue improving healthcare for everyone.



Paige Stevenson with her family during the 2024 LOTW Family & Friends Scramble

LOTW Family & Friends Golf Scramble

Paige Stevenson hosted the 2024 LOTW Family and Friends Golf Scramble at the Kenora Golf and Country Club on July 6th. This year's tournament saw over 20 teams tee-off and spend the day reconnecting on the course.

The Foundation has been the grateful recipient of the proceeds each of the past four years with this year's record setting funds raised reaching a total of \$5,305! Given Paige has completed her first year of medical school at NOSM, she fittingly chose to direct proceeds from the tournament to support the purchase of a new Central Line simulation mannequin for learners at Lake of the Woods District Hospital! Many of us are fortunate to call Lake of the Woods home and we want to thank Paige for transforming care at home.

3rd Annual Ladies Open

On September 14, 2024, 104 golfers came together for the 3rd Annual Ladies Open - an unforgettable day of swings, smiles, and friendly competition. This special event, held in memory of Anchilla McDonald and other loved ones lost to breast cancer, raised an incredible \$23,773, including a generous \$10,000 donation from Larry McDonald, Anchilla's husband.

All proceeds were directed to support the purchase of a new state-of-the-art mammography unit. This advanced equipment will enhance our mammography capabilities, ensuring improved care for women's health in northwestern Ontario.

We are deeply grateful to Ashley Hoffmeister, her sisters Aimee Foucher and Amanda McCool, and their friend Meghan Derouard for their dedication and hard work in organizing this event which continues to grow every year. A heartfelt thank you to Larry McDonald for his thoughtfulness and to all the golfers who participated.



Ashley Hoffmeister (left) presents a cheque to Mira Trebilcock, Executive Director of the LWDH Foundation

THIRD PARTY EVENTS CONTINUED

23rd Annual Cst. Marv Forsythe Memorial Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual OPP Cst. Marv Forsythe Memorial Golf Tournament was a success, raising \$3,500 in support of the Chemotherapy Department at the LWDH. On Friday August 16, 112 golfers gathered at Beauty Bay to support the cause. Following a shotgun start, they enjoyed a day with lots of socializing and just a little competitiveness. The fun continued into the evening with dinner and prizes. The overall winners of the tournament were The Kenora Jail Team, consisting of Brady Myles, Kurt Savage, Sturn Vigfusson and Jaxon Savage.

We are grateful for all the time and energy shared by Dennis and Alice O'Sullivan, as well as their family and friends who helped organize this remarkable community event. A special thanks to the golfers whose generosity is enhancing health care in our community, today and in the future.



It was a fun event and a fantastic way to remember OPP Cst. Marv Forsythe by giving back to the community so generously.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 12



Thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 12 Kenora for their generous donation of \$10,600 towards a new Lifepak 20e Defibrillator specifically for patient transport at our hospital! This vital piece of equipment will significantly enhance our ability to provide life-saving care to the community. Pictured (L to R): Paula - Unit Manager Medical/Surgical/ICU/Respiratory, Randi - RN, Jason Lava, President - Kenora Legion, Noreen - Donor Relations Coordinator of LWDH Foundation.

WHEELHOUSE ON THE WATER

Behind the Scenes: Wheelhouse on the Water 2024

Every summer in Kenora, the Wheelhouse on the Water event, hosted by Wheelhouse Cycle Club Winnipeg, brings together cyclists for a day filled with stunning lakeside views and electric energy. The 2024 edition, held on August 5th, showcased the incredible dedication behind the scenes that transforms this event into something extraordinary.

Preparation begins in Winnipeg where the Wheelhouse Team gathers the day before the event to meticulously organize towels, cycling shoes, and essentials. Loading 40 bikes, each weighing 160 pounds, into a truck is a complex task, especially with the heavy flywheels necessary for resistance. Excitement fills the air as the team arrives in Kenora. By early afternoon, they are at the lakefront, ready to turn the dock into a unique outdoor cycling studio. A five-ton truck loaded with equipment is carefully transported to the dock where hours are spent arranging bikes, setting up sound systems, and conducting sound checks to ensure a seamless experience for participants.

After setup, the team enjoys a well-deserved dinner and fine-tunes playlists that will motivate riders during the event. As dawn breaks, the dock comes alive with spinning wheels and three back-to-back rides, each filled with energy and purpose. This year, top donors had the special opportunity to request songs during their rides, adding a personal touch to the experience.

The spirit of togetherness shines through, thanks to the dedication of the Wheelhouse Motivators and People Team—Becky, Eric, Erin, Hannah, Jody, Josee, Julia, Maddy, and Taylor—who pour their hearts into making this event a memorable fundraiser. Their enthusiasm and commitment are palpable, creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

The impact of Wheelhouse on the Water extends beyond the dock, raising \$7,000 for the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation to support the Lifesavers fundraising efforts. This community achievement was made possible by generous partners like the Heimbecker Family, Shaun D. Stevenson Construction LTD, Jamie Pope – Tim Hortons Winnipeg, Atlas Strength and Fitness, and Nautical Coffee, along with all 120 participants who joined the rides.

Ultimately, Wheelhouse on the Water embodies the strength of collaboration, the joy of movement, and the power of community. As the LWDH Foundation reflects on this year's success, we are filled with gratitude and already look forward to next summer's ride.





DOCK TALK RECAP

Strengthening community connections

On July 8, 2024, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation and the Lake of the Woods District Hospital hosted the 'Dock Talk' event at the RLWYC, bringing together community members and hospital leadership. Mira Trebilcock, Executive Director of the LWDH Foundation, opened the evening by emphasizing the importance of strengthening relationships with local, seasonal, and regional communities. Cheryl O'Flaherty, the newly appointed President & CEO of LWDH, shared her 20-year journey and marked her historic role as the hospital's first female CEO.

Kristin Ingraham, Manager of the Emergency Department, provided insights into CTAS scores and the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Service's role in emergency care. Dr. Sean Moore, Chief of Staff at LWDH was also in attendance, contributing to the evening's discussions concerning the recruitment challenges related to the Emergency Department. Attendees were also introduced to new leadership members; Alison Wesley-James Gillian, VP of Operations & Capital Planning and Gillian Nattress, VP Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer. The event successfully fostered engagement and communication between the hospital leadership and the community, reinforcing the commitment to enhancing healthcare services in the region.



SHARING NEWS & STORIES

Digital Donor Wall

The Digital Display Wall, located in the Main Entrance of Lake of the Woods District Hospital, has been well received by visitors and staff. Patients who are waiting for appointments, visitors, and staff can find the latest news about the Foundation's events, donor updates, and upcoming appeals such as the Tree of Life Match Challenge.

Gifts of Gratitude Honourees and Donor spotlight stories are updated often. Visitors can use QR codes to follow up on more in-depth stories through the Foundation website, or to purchase 50/50 tickets online. This Digital Donor Wall is a sustainable and dynamic way to recognize and celebrate the impact of our donors. The wall reflects cumulative lifetime giving greater than \$5,000 (since 1993).



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Peter and Edeltraut Barber

When Peter and Traut moved to the Minaki area in 1974, they not only found a new home but also built a legacy that continues to impact the community today. Originally from Winnipeg, Peter cherished his memories of his grandfather's cottage in Minaki, purchased in 1909. Upon starting their life together, Peter and Traut chose to settle in Minaki, venturing into tourism in 1980 by establishing a family-run resort which has grown to nine lake front cottages that provide a haven for guests seeking the serenity of the great outdoors.

The couple raised two sons while balancing work between Kenora and the resort. As they grew older, Peter and Traut decided to focus their efforts on managing the camp full-time. Their son and daughter-in-law have since taken over the family business, but Peter and Traut remain involved.

Peter and Traut's contributions to the community extend beyond their business: their philanthropic spirit is equally inspiring. They have been actively involved in the Minaki Foundation with its purpose of enhancing the Minaki community and fund raising for the Terry Fox Foundation with its focus on cancer research. Over the past 25 years, they have also generously donated to the LWDH Foundation.

Their support for the LWDH Foundation has been particularly meaningful as they recognize the importance of accessible and high-quality healthcare for the people of Kenora and the surrounding areas.

Through her previous work as a homecare nurse, Traut is very aware of the value of having good medical care available at the Hospital for everyone. Traut is an avid traveler and hiker, always eager to explore new destinations. Wherever they go, Peter and Traut cherish their return home to Minaki where they can spend time with their family, including their grandchildren.

Peter and Traut's dedication to their community, both through their business and charitable contributions, serves as an inspiring example of how one couple's



love for their home and commitment to giving back can create a lasting legacy. With their children now leading the family business and grandchildren enjoying the outdoor life in Minaki, the Barbers are passing on their values of generosity and community service.

“When you donate to the LWDH Foundation, you're giving to something that benefits everyone, not just one specific group, said Peter Barber.”

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation is deeply grateful for their unwavering support and the positive impact they continue to make on enhancing health care, at home.



37th Annual Tree of Life Appeal

**There is a lot of power packed
into a \$10 bulb!**

For 37 years, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation's annual Tree of Life Appeal has brought the community together to honour, remember, and celebrate loved ones. Supporters purchase bulbs for the Tree of Life in tribute to someone special — an uplifting way to celebrate their lives while helping to strengthen local healthcare.

*Give the gift of health this
holiday season*



Scan to make your gift online

Illuminate Hope on Giving Tuesday

December 3, 2024

On this global day of giving, we invite you to shine a light of hope for our community by purchasing a lightbulb for the Tree of Life. Every light represents your commitment to local healthcare and brings us closer fully illuminating the tree at LWDH and reaching our goal.

Giving Tuesday Match Challenges

Throughout the day, we'll be launching three exciting Match Challenges based on participation! As more individuals and organizations join in, each new participation milestone will activate a matching donation from a local partner, doubling the impact of every gift.

Join us on December 3, 2024 to reach each challenge goal, double your impact, and light up our community with hope and health. Together, let's illuminate the path to better care close to home!

Challenges	Donations Received	Matching Donations
Challenge 1	10 Businesses	\$1,500
Challenge 2	20 Individuals	\$3,000
Challenge 3	40 Total Donations	\$5,000

Help us reach our **\$50,000** goal directed towards the purchase of the new Mammography Unit!

With this replacement, LWDH upgrades its mammography capabilities to include tomography, contrast-enhanced imaging, stereotactic biopsies, and more comfortable compression technology!



Although the matching donations will only occur on Giving Tuesday - December 3, 2024 - you can purchase lightbulbs anytime between November 15-December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who continues to support enhanced patient care close to home!



GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

SHOW YOUR THANKS FOR OUTSTANDING CARE

The Gifts of Gratitude is our grateful patient program, created to give patients and their families an opportunity to thank and honour staff who played a critical role in their healthcare journey. At the same time, patients are also investing in enhanced patient care for our community.

Physicians, nurses, staff members or volunteers who are recognized will receive a personalized message from the person providing a gift of thanks, as well as an exclusive Gifts of Gratitude Compass lanyard pin as a physical reminder of the patient's appreciation.



Rebecca Forsyth, RN with
OR Manager, Laura Stasiuk



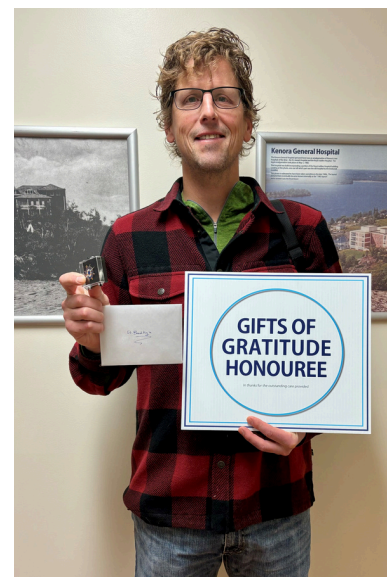
Manager, Brock Chisholm with Honoree
Sundeep Rakhra, Physio Tech & Noreen
Bourgeois, LWDHF



Dr. Casey Wong, Emergency
Medicine & Mira Trebilcock, LWDHF



Charmaine Hay, RN with Manager Corinne
Coffey and Janet Paulson, RN Specialist



Dr. Brad Kyle, Hospitalist

CARE CLOSE TO HOME

Tanya Caruso was the lucky winner of \$1,000 cash as the 4th Early Bird winner of the LWDHF's Summer 50/50 Lottery. The Kenora resident has been receiving treatment for breast cancer for over a year now, primarily at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital: "the staff are near and dear to my heart. I have been fortunate enough to receive most of my treatments here in Kenora and for that I am truly grateful!"

When she had to access some procedures out of town, she said "travelling for treatment can be so expensive and stressful for families in our community." In Kenora, Tanya's friends and family were able to attend her chemotherapy sessions with her for support and provide rides to and from the hospital.

Tanya works as a support person for individuals with developmental disabilities and also volunteers with Harvest Kenora. In her spare time, she is an avid gardener and loves horseback riding. Work and hobbies have been put on hold while she completes treatment and focuses on recovery. We are grateful to Tanya for her continued support and wish her strength on her healthcare journey!



“

I'm happy to support LWDH to help make more treatments and services available in our community, making it more accessible for all those who need them... I encourage everyone to support our local hospital today, says Tanya.

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50/50 LOTTERY - www.lwdhf5050.ca

In August 2024, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation 50/50 Lottery Raffle transitioned to a new online platform that enhanced the lottery experience and simplified the ticket purchase process. Ticket numbers are computer-generated in ascending order starting at a pre-determined number by the vendors' lottery system.

Congratulations to our Recent Winners!



Taylor from Kenora, ON
August 2024 Grand Prize Winner



William from Kenora, ON
September 2024 Grand Prize Winner



Nellie from Devlin, ON
October 2024 Early Bird #1 Winner

YOUR PHILANTHROPY AT WORK

New medical equipment

Central Line Sim Mannequin

Central lines are helpful for patients that cannot otherwise get an IV in place to deliver critical medications and draw blood. Having this mannequin/clinical skills trainer will ensure our physicians can be trained locally on critical care and anesthesia skills. Critical care skills include central line placement which physicians encounter infrequently.

This specific model also allows anesthesiologists to practice a regional block for upper extremity surgeries, a procedure that is coming to LWDH in the next year. This model is helpful for ICU, Internal Medicine, ER physicians, surgeons and anesthesiologists to keep their skills up to date. We can also help train our learners at LWDH to ensure they have the skills required to provide the best possible patient care. This mannequin will be part of our current Education Department high-fidelity training simulators.



*Central Line Simulation Mannequin,
Education Department.*

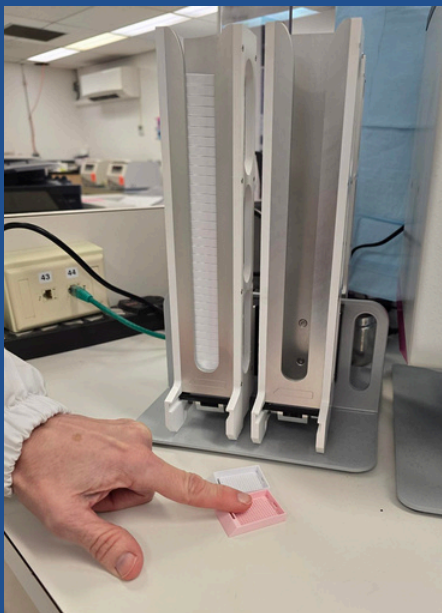
Automated Tissue Cassette Printer

An automated Tissue Cassette Printer drastically increases the efficiency of the Pathology Department (Laboratory) by eliminating the need for staff to manually transcribe information onto cassettes. This laboratory equipment is a great timesaver.

The cassette printer applies the pathology specimen number on the front of the cassette with a laser, decreasing the risk of transcription errors, ultimately improving patient safety.

The lab staff previously had to manually transcribe the specimen number onto the cassette which is extremely time consuming and inherent to transcription errors.

This advanced equipment streamlines accurate labeling and facilitates faster turnaround times for diagnostic results, allowing for timely and accurate diagnoses. This leads to quicker treatment decisions and more reliable pathology services.



*Medical Laboratory Technologist
demonstrates a cassette ready to
receive a tissue sample in the new
printer.*

Ultrasound Probes

The ultrasound is an important unit within the Diagnostic Imaging department at LWDH. The three probes that accompany it are necessary to sense specific physical attributes and communicate this to the overall image.

With the specialized probes, the hospital can perform a wider range of specific studies, leading to more accurate and timely diagnoses. Enhanced diagnostic capabilities mean that pathology can be detected and treated earlier, improving patient outcomes. This investment ensures that the hospital can meet the growing demand for diagnostic services, providing patients with the high-quality, timely care they deserve.



Rachel, Diagnostic Technologist, demonstrates one of the new ultrasound probes in Diagnostic Imaging at LWDH.

90lb Industrial Washer

The Nutrition and Environment Department at LWDH prioritizes this essential aspect of patient care. Thanks to the generous support of our community, we have recently acquired a new washer.

Having reliable laundry equipment is crucial for maintaining clean linens, which is vital for infection control and preventing the spread of illness. Our Laundry Department operates seven days a week to meet the ongoing demand for fresh linens throughout the hospital. This important purchase, made possible by community donations, enhances healthcare for everyone at the LWDH.



DID YOU KNOW?



16,000 kg
each month is
equivalent to:



The weight of 20 bull moose!

Jodie Saarinen, Manager of Nutrition and Environmental Services, is joined by Rob Wagenaar and Gerard Penney showcasing the new washer.

LAKE OF THE WOODS DISTRICT HOSPITAL UPDATES



Accreditation

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital is thrilled to share that it has been Accredited with “Exemplary Standing” by Accreditation Canada. Accreditation with Exemplary Standing is the highest possible ranking and is used to designate hospitals that attain the highest level of performance and standards, demonstrating an exemplary commitment to quality care. Canadian hospitals are accredited by Accreditation Canada typically every four years, and through this process the care that LWDH provides is assessed against evidence-based quality and patient safety standards.

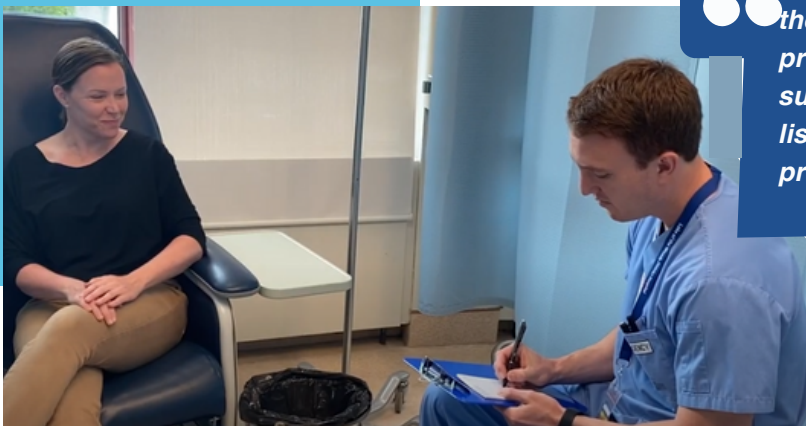
Emergency Department

Nurse Practitioner Service

To address wait times and seasonal patient surges, Lake of the Woods District Hospital launched the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Service in 2023. NPs are registered nurses with advanced education and experience. NP’s work independently and collaborate with physicians as needed. They can assess, order diagnostics (labs and imaging) and diagnose, prescribe medications and develop treatment plans to discharge patients home.

In this added service to the Emergency Department, NPs manage less acute cases (CTAS scores 3, 4 and 5), improving wait times, increasing patient satisfaction for less acute patients and freeing up bed capacity for more acutely ill patients (CTAS 1,2,3) that the emergency physician team treats. Kristin Ingraham, Emergency and SADV Team Patient Care Manager shares the following advice:

“It is important that all patients present to the Emergency Department (ED) come prepared with past medical history, surgical history and current medication lists. This will provide the most thorough presentation to the NP or ED physician.”



Charlene Kissick, LWDH Community Project Manager and Brand Management Lead, simulates a visit with Nurse Practitioner Nicholas Dumontier in the Emergency Department.

About the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale

The Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) is a tool used by Canadian hospital emergency departments to help define a patient's need for care. Emergency department visits remain high and wait times continue to be an issue largely as a result of system overcrowding. All efforts to resolve this problem through improved ED efficiencies across Ontario hospitals have failed due to the ongoing issues of timely access to care in the community and lack of inpatient and long-term care spaces to support rapid outflow of patients from the ED.

All patients arriving at the LWDH Emergency Department will have a timely assessment upon arrival by a specialty trained triage nurse completing the triage process. This is a mandatory step for all patients visiting the ED either walk-in or arrival via ambulance. This is both subjective (what the patient tells us) and objective (vital signs, visual, etc.) information is gathered. This tool is used to determine the severity score 1-5.

The graph to the right explains the triage scores. This assessment using the CTAS is a non-judgmental, non-biased computer-generated score that resulted from the data inputted into the system. CTAS was developed to prioritize ED patients based on acuity and risk.

CTAS 1 - Resuscitation

Conditions that are considered threats to life or limb requiring immediate aggressive intervention.

CTAS 2 - Emergent

Conditions that are a potential threat to life or limb. Requiring rapid medical interventions.

CTAS 3 - Urgent

Conditions that could potentially progress to a serious problem requiring emergency interventions.

CTAS 4 - Less Urgent

Conditions with potential for deterioration that would benefit from intervention.

CTAS 5 - Non Urgent

Conditions that may be acute but non-urgent and interventions can safely be delayed.

The triage level assigned using the CTAS criteria is a mandatory data element to be used in all Canadian Hospital Emergency Departments for reporting to the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

Renovations

A multiphase renovation project is underway in the ED. To date, a more effective team station, physician station, medication room and new supply room have been completed. The new registration, switchboard and triage spaces opened July 22, 2024.

The final work in this project is to upgrade the waiting area with a clear line of sight from registration and security. For information visit www.lwdh.on.ca





EMPLOYEE GIVING CLUB

The Employee Giving Club reflects the deep commitment of LWDH staff to the wellbeing of our community. These dedicated employees support the LWDH Foundation through automatic biweekly contributions, embodying the spirit of philanthropy and dedication to the future of healthcare in our region.

Throughout fall 2024, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation held information drop-ins in the hospital to refresh awareness of the Foundation's mission, impact throughout the departments and to show appreciation for those employees who choose to donate. Over 100 LWDH staff dropped by to connect and enter for a chance to win some great prizes!

Carmelina Norris won the existing donors' prize, and Suji Salu won the new donors' prize (as of September 2024); both winners work in the Medical Records Department! Dr. Sean Moore was drawn as the winner of the all-staff prize: a gift card to Boston Pizza. All prizes were donated by local businesses. Congratulations!

The support of LWDH employees is immensely appreciated. First, the funds go towards purchasing essential capital medical equipment for the hospital that is daily for patient care. Second, the commitment and leadership of the employees is a testament to the LWDH Foundation's mission and spirit of philanthropy.

Thank you to all LWDH staff for their support and commitment to enhancing patient care close to home!



A Strong Culture of Philanthropy


**Thank
You**



For staff wishing to participate or learn more, contact Noreen Bourgeois at nbourgeois@lwdh.on.ca. Donations can begin as soon as the next pay period and changes can be made at any time.

WAYS TO GIVE

We all have different reasons to give and there are many ways you can choose to help improve local health care for our community. You can contribute to LWDH Foundation with a gift of cash, a cheque, giving online or through one of the options below. Find the option that's best for you:

 Securities Giving <p>Make a donation of securities, bonds, or mutual funds and take advantage of tax benefits.</p>	 Memorial Giving <p>In memory gifts are a thoughtful way to let those who are grieving know you care.</p>	 Grateful Patient Giving <p>Make a donation of securities, bonds, or mutual funds and take advantage of tax benefits.</p>	<p>Contact us today to learn more!</p> <p>Noreen Bourgeois Donor Relations Coordinator nbourgeois@lwdh.on.ca</p> <p>Hannah Love Operations Assistant hlove@lwdh.on.ca</p> <p>Mira Trebilcock Executive Director mtrebilcock@lwdh.on.ca</p> <p>Call 807-468-9861 x2469</p> <p>Visit www.lwdhf.com</p>
 Legacy Giving <p>A donation through your will, estate or other strategies is a powerful way to make a lasting difference.</p>	 Monthly Giving <p>Committing to regular donations shows your support for our ongoing initiatives to enhance the quality of healthcare today and into the future.</p>	 LWDHF 50/50 Lottery <p>A monthly online community 50/50 lottery where the proceeds help fund hospital needs.</p>	

2024-2025 LWDH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We thank the following individuals for their commitment to healthcare excellence at the LWDH.

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Our Community is Our Foundation

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation thrives on the generosity of individuals like you. Your support plays a vital role in advancing the care and services that benefit the Kenora District community. By investing in your hospital, you are not only enhancing the health and well-being of friends, family, and neighbours today, but also helping to secure a healthier future for generations to come.



Transforming care close to home, together.



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