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Halton Healthcare To Receive Laboratory Accreditation Award

Halton Healthcare went ‘under the microscope’ for a week in February 2017 during the accreditation of its laboratory services at Georgetown Hospital (GH), Milton District Hospital (MDH) and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) by the Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare (IQMH) division of the Quality Management Program – Laboratory Services (QMP-LS) provincial regulatory agency.

All three Halton Healthcare hospital laboratories demonstrated outstanding performance during this stringent assessment process, achieving very high conformance rates, and each expect to be granted the highest possible status – a full four-year accreditation certificate.

A seven member accreditation team, comprised of laboratory professionals from across the province, assessed both the conformance of our practices and that of our specialties (which include their various disciplines such as Transfusion Medicine, Chemistry, Microbiology, Haematology, Histology, Cytology, Specimen Collection and Point of Care) against nearly 500 requirements at each respective hospital.

Quotes

- “We are extremely proud of this accomplishment,” said Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare. “It provides our patients, families and the community at large with assurances that we are meeting national standards of quality in our laboratories. I gratefully acknowledge all of our laboratorians - technologists, assistants, clerical staff, management and physicians - who have contributed to this success.”
- “The vast majority of medical decisions made by our health care providers rely on the information provided by the laboratory, supporting them in making informed decisions for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of disease,” said Dr. Jennifer Walsh, Clinical Laboratory Director, Halton Healthcare. “Using the quality framework provided by IQMH, our healthcare providers and patients can be assured that our results and services are consistently accurate, timely and aligned to best support patient care.”
- “The assessment confirmed that Halton Healthcare laboratories have an excellent Laboratory Quality Management System in place which has been consistently sustained and improved upon since the last on-site assessment in 2013,” said Rosemary Prikosovich, Director, Diagnostic Imaging & Laboratory, Halton Healthcare.

Quick Facts

- QMP–LS is operated by the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), serving as an agent of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, to carry out a quality management program for licensed medical laboratories in Ontario and set the standards for the IQMH process.
- Accreditation is the evaluation of processes to ensure quality and competence, through conformance to an acknowledged standard.
- Accreditation elevates the confidence of patients, physicians, nurses, facility administration, government and of all those working in the accredited service.
- ISO 15189 is the standard of choice for the accreditation of medical diagnostic facilities. It requires standardized processes and procedures for both quality system and technical requirements. It sets up a no-blame environment that drives continual improvement, establishes an interface with users and ensures the reliability and accuracy of test results. Accreditation elevates confidence in the system. For more information, please visit <https://iqmh.org/Services/Centre-For-Accreditation>

About Halton Healthcare

Halton Healthcare operates Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 350,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com Follow us on Twitter [@HaltonHlthcare](https://twitter.com/HaltonHlthcare)

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