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**HALTON HEALTHCARE SERVICES' CELEBRATES QUALITY AND
PATIENT SAFETY INITIATIVES**

HALTON, ON – Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is holding its 8th annual Patient Safety Expo at each of its hospitals, starting October 22, 2014, to celebrate the inspiring and high quality work that makes them a center of excellence. The Expos are being held in recognition of Canadian Patient Safety Week, designated this year from October 27 to 31. All physicians, staff, volunteers and the public are invited to attend the Expo to learn more about the numerous quality and safety initiatives happening at HHS.

“Each year, HHS continues to expand the activities that promote our safety culture,” said Sylvia Rodgers, Interim Senior Vice President, Clinical Programs and Chief Nursing Officer. “As healthcare service providers, we continually strive to enhance quality and safety for our patients, families and staff. The organization has implemented a variety of new initiatives focused on improved practice and safety in a number of areas. Many of them will be on display at our Expo for people to learn about.”

One day patient safety expos will be held from 10 am to 3 pm at all three HHS hospitals starting with Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital on October 22, Georgetown Hospital on October 29, and Milton District Hospital on November 6. The Expo's will also be followed by an Awards Reception at Piper's Heath Golf Club on November 12, featuring guest speaker Dr. Amir Ginzburg, MD FRCPC, who will discuss the unique opportunities and challenges faced by hospitals in the quality and safety arena.

This year's Patient Safety Expo, will feature over 35 displays from various departments and

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services and include the introduction of barcode scanning into the medication administration process, to the rationale behind new dedicated hand washing sinks in the New Oakville Hospital.

“This annual event provides our teams across the organization with the opportunity to showcase their amazing, quality improvement and safety work, and to reflect on and recognize our staff for these achievements,” says Lynn Budgell, Patient Safety Coordinator and lead organizer of the event. “It is such a wonderful and informative event with public interest growing every year.”

To read more about Patient Safety initiatives at HHS, please visit www.haltonhealthcare.com and click on Quality & Patient Safety.

About Halton Healthcare Services:

HHS is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital (GH), Milton District Hospital (MDH) and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH). Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 320,000 residents in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. HHS hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. In 2013, HHS was Accredited with Exemplary Standing - the highest possible status granted by Accreditation Canada.

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