

## **Leamington District Memorial Hospital**

### **PATIENT SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

**Important information about what your hospital is doing to improve the safety of all patients in our hospital!**

Ensuring the safety of our patients is the number one clinical priority at LDMH. In September 2008, the Board of Directors endorsed this patient safety action plan designed to raise awareness about patient safety and improve the quality of services provided at the hospital.

#### **Initiative #1 - Education and Awareness**

- The Board is committed to increasing its education and awareness about the issues of patient safety and how they affect the patients we serve. The Board will speak to patients and hear from families that have been affected by a patient safety issue.
- The Board and Administration will also work together to raise the importance of the patient safety issue in the community with our visitors and patients and with all staff and physicians who practice at LDMH.

#### **Initiative #2 – Medication Management**

- Introducing new safe medication management practices and processes
- Controlling use and practice of high risk medications

#### **Initiative #3 – Incident Management**

- Implementing a new electronic risk management system that will help track and monitor incidents and safety concerns

#### **Initiative #4 – Patient Identifier Program**

- Introducing the 2 patient identifier program which ensures that all patients are properly identified before a test or procedure is performed.

#### **Initiative #5 – Infection Avoidance in Critical Care**

- Introducing new standards and practices to avoid hospital acquired infections
- Reducing risk of surgical site infection by implementing safety assessment in the OR including IV antibiotic administration prior to surgery

#### **Initiative #6 – Hand Hygiene Campaign**

- Finally and most importantly kicking off a major hand-washing campaign in participation with the Ontario Hospital Association's "Just Wash Your Hands"

**For more information:**

[www.leamingtonhospital.com/patients/patientsafetyreporting.asp](http://www.leamingtonhospital.com/patients/patientsafetyreporting.asp)