

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

WEST PARRY SOUND HEALTH CENTRE (www.wpshc.com)

The West Parry Sound health Centre is a community-focused health facility located in the Town of Parry Sound. The Health Centre resulted from the amalgamation of the Parry Sound District General Hospital and the Parry Sound Area Health Centre, Chronic Care Facility (formerly St. Joseph's Hospital, Parry Sound) in April, 1995. Both of these hospitals have had a long tradition of providing quality care to the community and have been leaders in the rationalization of services. Hospital Services in Parry Sound celebrated its centennial year in 1999. The new hospital is scheduled to open in April 2005.

The Health Centre provides a wide range of hospital and community services:

- 44 beds of in-patient acute care including Intensive Care Unit and Stepdown Unit, Obstetrics, Surgical Services, Specialists (Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pathology, General Surgeons, Anesthetists, Visiting Specialists);
- 64 beds of in-patient chronic care including Complex Continuing Care, Continuing Care, Rehabilitation and Transitional Care;
- out-patient clinical programs including Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care, Day Surgery and Chemotherapy;
- Community Care Access Centre - Home Care Services and Placement coordination Services;
- Pre-Hospital Emergency (Base Hospital) and Ambulance Services based out of Parry Sound, Pointe au Baril and Mactier;
- Health Education and Wellness Programs and Community Outreach Programs, ie Community Nursing Stations at Britt and Pointe au Baril and Diabetic Teaching Program.

The integration of hospital and community-based health care in Parry Sound has been acknowledged as a model for health care delivery for the future in Ontario.

At the present time our new hospital is under construction and is slated to be open in the Spring of 2005.

BELVEDERE HEIGHTS HOME FOR THE AGED (www.belvedereheights.com)

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged is a 101 bed facility (82 beds as extended care and 19 as residential) in the Town of Parry Sound. Belvedere Heights creates a pleasant home like atmosphere on beautiful Georgian Bay. In conjunction with the Community Social Services, a Home Support Services Program functions. The Home Support Services Program included outreach programming to support seniors in the community, ie vacation care, Share the Day, Meals on Wheels, transportation and an "emergency response system".

MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

Medical Associates is a group practice situated across from the West Parry Sound Health Centre in the Town of Parry Sound. A total of seven general Practitioners serve the population with two or three additional physicians in the summer to assist with the seasonal increases.

A satellite office has been set up in Magnetawan which is staffed by a physician from Medical Associates on a regular basis.

Medical Associates also provide medical staffing at the Pointe au Baril Nursing Station which is operated by the West Parry Sound Health Centre.

WRIGHT CLINIC

Wright Clinic is a group practice situated in the Town of Parry Sound. A total of 7 general practitioners operating on the traditional fee for service basis. Additional medical manpower of 3 physicians is acquired for the summer months to assist with the seasonal increase.

The Wright Clinic administers and operates the Mactier Medical Centre which is a nursing station operationally funded by the Ministry of Health. Physicians from the Wright Clinic also provide medical staffing to the Britt Nursing Station which is operated by the West Parry Sound Health Centre.

PARRY SOUND FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Parry Sound Family Physicians provides a full range of medical care including obstetrics, pediatrics, palliative care, in hospital care, surgical assists, counselling, etc. Dr. Gehrels and Warwick share in coverage of the emergency room at the West Parry Sound Health Centre. Dr. Warwick assists in staffing the sexual health clinic operated by the Health Unit; Dr. Gehrels provides physician services weekly at Wasauksing First Nation.

MUSKOKA, NIPISSING, PARRY SOUND AND TIMISKAMING DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL

The District Health Council is a health care advisory body to the Minister of Health. It reviews and evaluates health care needs in the districts as well as prioritizes and recommends program development.

MUSKOKA - PARRY SOUND HEALTH UNIT

The Health Unit is governed by a Board of Health and is funded by the municipalities of the Muskoka and Parry Sound area.

It works with people and their communities to be the healthiest they can be. To achieve this, the health unit provides services to promote and support:

- the reduction of disease
- a healthy environment
- healthy growth and development
- healthy daily living

SPECIALISTS' OFFICES

The following specialists have private offices located within Parry Sound:

Dr. G.D. Hunt - General Surgeon
Dr. J. Hatfield - General Surgeon
Vida Bowbrick - Chiropodist
Dr. Brant Bergstrom - Psychiatrist

DENTAL SERVICES

Dr. R.A. Wright
Dr. J. Sutcliffe
Dr. K. Miller / Dr. D. D'Aloisio
Dr. W. J. Imrie
Dr. J. Jeffrey

CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

Dr. M. Buck
Dr. T. Michael
Dr. A. Davidson

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

Dr. W. Freeman
Dr. S. Marshall / Dr. L. Bishop
Dr. Tracy Stager

OTHER SERVICES

The Friends (Supporting Those with Long Term Health Care Needs) - residence
RISE - Resource Centre for Independent Living
West Parry Sound Association for Community Living
Muskoka-Parry Sound Community Mental Health Services

Self Help Groups -
Alcoholics Anonymous
AI-Anon
Narcotics Anonymous
Esprit Place - Crisis Centre
Esprit Place - Family Resource Centre
Addiction Outreach

Disease Specific Associations -
Canadian Cancer Society
Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Arthritis Society
Blue Bird Club (Arthritis Group)
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Heart & Stroke Foundation
Addiction Outreach Muskoka/Parry Sound

Janice Lee-Land - Massage Therapist
Noreen Sparrow - Massage Therapist
Elizabeth Steward (Cst)- Massage
Julie Torrance, RMT
Dr. A. Davidson - Naturopath
Parry Sound Active Rehabilitation Inc.