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RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE EARNS 100% FROM ACCREDITATION CANADA

TORONTO – Runnymede Healthcare Centre recently achieved a 4-year Accreditation with Exemplary Standing rating from Accreditation Canada, the highest award a Canadian healthcare provider can receive from the independent, not-for-profit organization that sets the standards for quality and safety in healthcare.

With the most recent data from Accreditation Canada revealing only 30% of healthcare organizations accredited in 2011 received Accreditation with Exemplary Standing, Runnymede is honoured to be part of this very exclusive group.

Accreditation is a comprehensive and rigorous process that requires documented and operational evidence of compliance with numerous organizational standards and practices that pertain to quality and safety, including health system performance, governance, patient safety, performance measurement and risk prevention planning.

Runnymede met all 534 standards it was assessed against earning a score of 100% compliance, demonstrating the hospital's ongoing commitment to clinical excellence and continuous quality improvement.

“Participating in the process of Accreditation is a feat in itself, but receiving a perfect score of 100% compliance across the board with no unmet standards is an outstanding accomplishment that speaks to the total commitment of our board of directors, senior leadership team, physicians, staff and volunteers,” said President and Chief Executive Officer, Connie Dejak. “They push the boundaries of excellence at every opportunity and this award from Accreditation Canada supports my belief that we are a truly exceptional facility that provides leading-edge care to improve the lives of our patients.”

Two Accreditation Canada surveyors conducted an evaluation of Runnymede Healthcare Centre from June 2 to 4. They met with various hospital stakeholders, including staff, patients and community partners during their visit to gauge the effectiveness of the organization's programs and services as compared to their peers. The following were identified as the hospital's key strengths in Accreditation Canada's feedback:

- Strong and committed leadership
- Commitment to quality and safety
- Ethical decision-making
- Risk management
- Ongoing quality improvement

About Runnymede Healthcare Centre

For nearly 70 years, Runnymede Healthcare Centre has been leading the way in specialized complex continuing care. The focused, innovative, 200-bed hospital takes an interprofessional team approach to care, providing comprehensive clinical services to patients with multiple medical problems and functional disabilities due to progressive neurological disease, injury or other illness. Runnymede provides the right care in the right place at the right time, greatly improving the quality of life of every patient, every day.

To learn more about Runnymede, please visit: www.runnymedehc.ca.

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