

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF

We are on a trajectory for greatness at Runnymede Healthcare Centre as we push to become a Centre of Excellence for Aging and Wellness. I am thrilled to help lead the clinical team to this goal. In the short months since I joined Runnymede as Vice President, Medical Affairs in October 2018, and subsequently Chief of Staff in February 2019, we have already made significant foundational changes that help place our transformation within reach.

We have nearly doubled our team of physicians and introduced a new physician model that supports our hospital's expanded scope of programs and services. By streamlining the way our team provides care, the new physician model enables us to help patients to resume their lives in the community, quickly and safely. As Runnymede expands to include new outpatient services and a long-term care home, our clinical team will continue to grow and deliver safe, high-quality, patient-centred care.

Runnymede is redefining aging and wellness. As we grow and transform, we will increasingly help patients take

charge of their health. In addition to treating disease, our team will sharpen its focus on wellness. By providing patients and the community with the information and tools they need, we will help them to not only manage disease, but prevent it.

Our skilled clinical team is vital to Runnymede's ongoing success. I would like to acknowledge their dedication and thank them for their commitment to the patients and families we serve. I look forward with enthusiasm to our collaborations ahead as we address the changing needs of an aging population.

I also wish to offer my thanks to Runnymede's President and Chief Executive Officer, Connie Dejak, for her tremendous vision and guidance during this time of transformation. Through her leadership, our hospital has taken its place as an essential player in the healthcare system. Connie's commitment to clinical excellence is unwavering and has made it possible for Runnymede to once again raise the bar for patient-centred care.

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