

Stevenson Memorial Hospital awarded Exemplary Standing in Accreditation Program

Stevenson Memorial Hospital has been awarded Exemplary Standing status by Accreditation Canada after recently completing their accreditation review with that organization.

This is the highest standing that is awarded by Accreditation Canada.

SMH also received this honour in 2016.

Accreditation Canada is an independent, not-for-profit organization that sets the standards for quality and safety in health care and accredited health organizations in Canada and around the world.

"I am incredibly proud of our organization which continues to shine under challenging circumstances," said Jody Levac, President and CEO, SMH. "Our team pulled together in 2021 amongst the COVID-19 pandemic to complete this critical program, showcasing their dedication to quality health care services and best practices related to patient safety."

A team of Accreditation Canada surveyors visited SMH in November 2021 and participated in tours, interviews with staff, documentation reviews, and met with patients, families, and community partners to aid in their evaluation of the hospital.

In its final report, the organization concluded that SMH had met 98.5 per cent of the criteria evaluated, which is an increase from 96.3 per cent reported in 2016.

The hospital was noted to have excelled in the areas of COVID-19 pandemic management, implementation of Health Information System, health information, the patient connect portal, and redevelopment progress.

It was also given marks for growth in staffing and leadership roles, and overall caring committed staff, physicians, and leaders."

"I thank everyone who participated in this process to help us achieve this honour and I know SMH will continue to provide the highest quality of health care services to our community in need," said Mr. Levac.

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