

Do one thing every day that scares you. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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E.D. RENOVATIONS AT OUELLETTE IMPROVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Renovations to the Emergency Department of the Ouellette campus are near completion, with several key changes that will provide a more comfortable and efficient experience for patients.

The most noticeable change to patients arriving at the Ouellette E.D. involves the triage-registration area.

With the renovations, there is now a parallel triage-registration area. Under previous practice and physical layout, a patient would go to pretriage, then go to another area to wait for registration, and then go to triage before returning to the waiting room. Now, a patient will go through the triage and registration process at the same place – eliminating a step for the patient that can create anxiety and confusion.

"The changes we are making will create an overall better ER experience, improved safety and reduce ER wait times for our patients," said Dr. Donald Levy, Chief of Emergency Medicine at the Ouellette Campus.

Another key change is the addition of a second Rapid Medical Evaluation exam area. The RME process, which began as a pilot in 2011, helps lower wait times and increase patient satisfaction for patients whose condition requires a quick review, or can be dealt with quickly to reduce the ER wait list. Adding a second RME exam area will further increase the ability to decrease wait times.

Overall, improvements to both the physical environment and patient flow procedures follow LEAN principles to improve the experience for patients and their loved ones.



Among other changes to the

department's physical layout, safety is improved now that there is increased visualization of patients awaiting the triage process by security and staff. Security who staff the desk directly across from triage-registration will also be able to watch to ensure only an appropriate number of visitors accompany a patient into the E.D.

Coming soon will be an improved entrance way for mobile patients.









It's mosquito season, and with that comes the risk of West Nile Virus.



Reduce your risk

of infection by reducing time outdoors in early morning and evening hours. If you must be outside during these times, wear long pants and long sleeved shirts, and apply mosquito



repellent to exposed skin areas and clothing.





Psychological Stress...... Can You Recognize the Signs?



If you are an **HR Professional, Emergency Responder** or **Manager in** these High-Stress Environments we invite you to join us for this valuable Educational Session

Case Studies, Research & Real-Life Accounts from Field Experts:

Debbie Bodkin, Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Police Officer of 24 years, Public Speaker Lee Horton-Carter, Therapist Specializing in Trauma with First Responders, assisted First Responders after 9/11

Robin Bender & Shelka Czako, Mega Health at Work Inc. Human Resources Solutions Honorary Guest: George Copeland, former Windsor firefighter who was critically injured in a near fatal pumper crash in 2008, a tragic event that stopped his firefighting career

Learn to Recognize:

Signs of compassion fatigue, burnout & PTSD Risk factors for psychological stress in emergency responders and Precautions to ensure employee safety

Location/Date: Columbus Centre, 2401 Columbus Drive, Windsor Time: 1p.m. to 4:30pm, light snacks and refreshments included Date: June 25, 2014 Cost: \$60 per person, for 8 or more corporate discount applies

NOTE: \$5 of each ticket purchase goes towards former Windsor firefighter George Copeland's family.

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