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WRH Anesthesiologist Leads Survey Related To National Drug Shortage Effect On Anesthesia and Patient Safety

Dr. Ivan Kai-Hsiang Hsia, Anesthesiologist at Ouellette Campus, was the lead author in a Patient Safety survey study measuring patient desires for disclosure during times of drug shortages. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration had reported a tripling of drug shortages, from 61 in 2005 to 178 drugs in 2010. There was limited data on the patients' desire to be informed of drug shortages before elective surgery in the medical literature. The project was a co-venture between Windsor Regional Hospital and the Mayo Clinic in the US. After obtaining approval from the Research and Ethics Committee of Windsor Regional Hospital, Dr. Hsia surveyed 630 patients to evaluate the generalizability of findings to a population of patients with likely longer surgical wait times than patients in the United States.

Survey data was collected in Canada at our hospital and used in conjunction with data collected at the Mayo Clinic (Arizona and Florida Sites). The US sites have systems of same-day appointments in which surgery is often scheduled the following day. In contrast, our Canadian system has the median number of days from receipt of the surgical consult to surgical visit of approximately 22 days and then the elective laparoscopic surgery performed a median of 50 days later. Measured results were similar and support the conclusion that in general patients want to be informed of drug shortages and the potential need for substitution during elective surgery.

Modern medicine encourages active participation of patients and their families in their own health care decisions, and it is incumbent on physicians to understand the extent to which patients want to be informed in their own health care decisions. The survey results show that most patients want to be informed of drug shortages that might affect their surgical care, even if the severity of potential side effects is as small as the difference between acetaminophen and aspirin prescribed for headaches.

Dr. Hsia was the survey lead author (Canada site) and worked with a team from the United States that included Franklin Dexter, MD, PhD; Ilana Logvinov RN, MSN, CCRP; Nikola Tankosic, MD; Harish Ramakrishna, MD, FACC and Sorin J. Brull, MD, FCARCSI (Hon). The article was published in Anesthesia and Analgesia. To access the journal article, go to www.anesthesia-analgesia.org August 2015 - Volume 12 - Number 2 - Economics, Education and Policy section.

WE Care Pharmacy Notice To Staff

The WE Care Pharmacy, located in the Goyeau Lobby of the Ouellette Campus, in conjunction with the Windsor Regional Hospital Smoking Cessation Task Force, is offering 20% off the Nicotine Patch (Nicoderm or Habitrol) to all patients who are discharged from WRH and on the nicotine patch. The WE Care Pharmacy is also offering free parking in the parking garage to patients who fill their prescriptions with them.

For more information, contact the WE Care Pharmacy at 519-255-2181 ext.32181 or David Sinewitz at 519-995-9338 or david.sinewitz@wrh.on.ca



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG
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Back From Africa

Time: 6:30pm
Fogolar Furlan Club
1800 North Service Road, Windsor

SEP
12

Building HIV/AIDS Capacity

Time: 9:30am
Caesars Windsor
377 Riverside Drive East, Windsor

SEP
16

Charity Bingo

Time: 8:45am - 10:45am
Breakaway Gaming Centre
655 Crawford Avenue, Windsor

SEP
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Charity Bingo

Time: 10:45am - 12:45pm
Breakaway Gaming Centre
655 Crawford Avenue

SEP
23

Infectious Disease Conference

Time: 9:00am
Giovanni Caboto Club
2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor

OCT
29

Do Good Dives Gala

A Night Out In Handbag Heaven
Ciociaro Club of Windsor
3745 North Talbot Road, Windsor

JAN
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DREAMCLIMB

Chrysler Building, Downtown
One Riverside Drive West, Windsor

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The Ebola vaccination showing 100% efficacy has been tested in over 4,000 close contacts of almost 100 Ebola patients, including family members, neighbours, and co-workers, who have voluntarily participated in the trial.

Windsor Comicon Spreads WRH Awareness Throughout The Galaxy

A few volunteer superheroes and a familiar looking Vulcan spread awareness about WRH to comic book and science fiction fans at Windsor ComiCon!

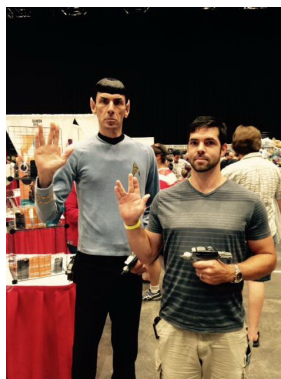
The August 15-16 event attracted thousands of fans of various comic books, cartoons science fiction series and other pop culture icons to Caesars Windsor.

Those who bought tickets through a special promo code helped Windsor Regional Hospital by contributing a portion of the ticket price to our hospital. Several volunteers also supported a Windsor Regional Hospital booth where we held a draw for two superhero posters that attracted about 1600 ballots!

Also, a convention guest with an uncanny likeness to the late Leonard Nimoy's "Spock" character from the original Star Trek series chipped in by donating a portion of his own sales to Windsor Regional Hospital.

Fans at the convention took opportunities to meet several celebrities, that included guest appearances such as Marina Sirtis ("Deanna Troi" from Star Trek: The Next Generation), Michael Cudlitz ("Abraham" from The Walking Dead), Ryan Hurst ("Opie" from Sons of Anarchy) and George Wendt ("Norm" from the TV sitcom Cheers). Hundreds of fans also attended "An Evening with Kevin Smith" featuring stories from the legendary filmmaker and comic book enthusiast.

Thanks to all of those who attended and helped support WRH's presence throughout the galaxy!



INTRODUCING NEW FACES AT WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL



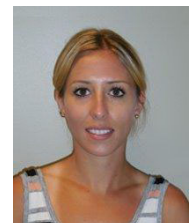
Ankita Rathod
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
PHYSIOTHERAPY



Jacob Gibb
REGISTERED NURSE
6 EAST



Puneet Bhardwaj
REGISTERED NURSE
MEDICINE 3



Renee Sharma
REGISTERED NURSE
MEDICINE 3

Congratulations To Heather & Raj!

Kudos to Heather Stevanka, RN and Raj Singh, RN, who both recently achieved a Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) certification credential in Psychiatric and Mental Health nursing. Both Heather and Raj, having achieved specialty certification have met a national standard of professional competence that demonstrates a broad understanding of the Psychiatric and Mental Health nursing specialty. Each also has met the rigorous nursing practice, continuous learning and testing requirements.

Heather and Raj join over 18,000 Registered Nurses in Canada who have achieved CNA certification in one of 20 specialty areas. Their certification term is valid until April 2020.

Jonathan Foster, Director of Mental Health Services, along with all of us at Windsor Regional Hospital extend congratulations to Heather and Raj.



PHOTO ABOVE (left to right) Raj Singh and Heather Stevanka

Welcoming Our Newest Patient Advocate

Patricia (Trish) Jarvis assumed the role of Patient Advocate recently, replacing Monica Staley who became Regional Vice President of Cancer Services for Windsor Regional Hospital.

As a Registered Nurse (RN), Trish has had extensive experience in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, a member of the CCOTT team. Originally from Nova Scotia, Trish worked in Paediatrics and Neurosciences as a Nurse Educator.

Trish states, "Life is indeed about balance, and relationships are a negotiated balance. In my new position, the challenge will be recreating a relationship between our customers and our facility, or finding that balance."

Trish's office is based at the Ouellette Campus and you can contact her at Ext 34404, by cell phone at 519-995-9864 or by email at trish.jarvis@wrh.on.ca.



No Roof Left Behind Voting Continues

Four competitors are competing for a chance at a free local roof, including three local patients (one supported by a WRH social worker) and a former WRH staff member. The "No Roof Left Behind" program by Dayus Roofing provides a free roof to a homeowner in need. Among the final four contestants:

Maryann – a former Grade 2 teacher who worked in the field of education for 40 years. Maryann was diagnosed with Rectal Cancer in August 2014. Due to her husband Geoff's neuromuscular disease, Maryann has been the caregiver since 2007 when Geoff could no longer work. Since being diagnosed she has not been able to work. Maryann has already been through 2 rounds of chemotherapy and radiation and 2 surgeries. Receiving a new roof would lift a huge burden off of the entire family. Maryann was nominated by Nancy Hannon, Cancer Program Social Worker.

Paula – a former WRH X-ray technologist nominated by her daughter, Danielle. Paula has been off work for eight years due to the debilitating effects of mental illness (PTSD, depression, bi-polar disorder, and social anxiety). Danielle is currently pursuing a degree in social work from the University of Windsor, which was inspired by her Mom's condition. Danielle says, "My mom has always provided a roof over my head, and with the help of Dayus Roofing, I'd like to be able to do the same for her."

Loni, a local father of three who was hit by car while riding his bicycle home from a friend's house last May. Loni suffered numerous injuries including a torn PCL in his right knee, extensive nerve damage in his elbows, and the loss of usage of his left hand. Loni now walks with a cane and is unable to work while in the process of undergoing several surgeries. He was a great hard working contractor and only 10 months before his accident he purchased his first home, a fixer upper, for his young family.

Brian, a married father of two nominated by his sister Michelle. Brian's youngest son, Mason, 3, is a special needs child who has been diagnosed with Williams Syndrome. He also has a VSD heart defect and aortic stenosis. Mason has already had 4 surgeries in his young life and it appears there are more to follow. Brian works for minimum wage and cannot afford to get a new roof as they spend what money they do have on their kids first before anything else.

The winner is selected by public vote at www.dayusroofing.com until September 4th. Winners will be announced September 11th.