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Strategic and Operational Priorities

November Community Update Meeting

On November 19, 2025, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) hosted its monthly Community Update Meeting. The meeting included updates on LHSC's readiness and response to the respiratory season, clinical fellows, new Patient Guides, the Medical Genetics Program of Southwestern Ontario, and LHSC's Indigenous Healing and Cultural Practices Policy. A recording of the November meeting, along with previous Community Update Meetings, is available on the LHSC [website](#).

LHSC to Home supports recovery beyond hospital walls

The [LHSC to Home](#) program supports patients transitioning from hospital to home, providing ongoing care after complex medical treatments. Delivered in partnership with SE Health and supported by the Ontario Ministry of Health, the program offers eight to sixteen weeks of home and community care, including nursing, personal support, therapy, and other tailored services. Since its launch, LHSC to Home has supported more than 500 patients, helping reduce risks associated with long hospital stays and improving recovery in a safe, familiar environment. The program enables continuity of care, bridges acute and community services, and advances strategic priorities by enhancing patient-centred care, improving quality and safety, and supporting health equity.

Organizational Updates

Nurse practitioner-led clinics driving innovation and efficiency in cancer care

Nurse practitioners play an essential role in supporting patient care at the Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre at LHSC. Since 2017, the number of nurse practitioners at the Verspeeten has grown from three to 13, reflecting a rising demand for cancer services and the increasing

complexity of care. Through independent, NP-led clinics and integration within physician-led teams, nurse practitioners help expand clinical capacity, reduce wait times, and support timely access to care. NP-led clinics support patients across multiple cancer types, including prostate, breast, lung, and head and neck, with a focus on follow up care, symptom management, referrals, and patient education. This model has significantly increased access, with two fulltime nurse practitioners facilitating nearly 1,000 patient visits in one year in the prostate cancer clinic alone, while maintaining high standards of patient-centred care. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

Improving cancer care with Ethos Linear Accelerator

In August 2025, LHSC became the fourth site in Canada to [install an Ethos Linear Accelerator](#) at the Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre, made possible through a generous donation from The Mitchell and Kathryn Baran Family Foundation, with support from Trudell Medical Limited. The Ethos Linear Accelerator integrates advanced imaging and artificial intelligence to support more precise, adaptive radiation treatment for cancer patients. Unlike traditional systems, the Ethos can detect changes in a patient's anatomy, such as tumour size or weight fluctuations, and adjust treatment plans in real time, improving workflow efficiency and supporting more personalized care. This investment strengthens LHSC's capacity to deliver innovative, high quality cancer treatment.

Media and Storytelling

Media coverage and metrics

The following highlight metrics from LHSC's November media exposure.

Total news media mentions (media exposure): 619

- Negative – 1 (0.2%)
- Neutral – 55 (8.9%)
- Positive – 563 (91%)

Total audience reach (number of people who saw LHSC mentioned in the news): Approximately 701 million

Earned media average (how much LHSC would have to spend on ad placement to achieve this type of coverage): Approximately \$5.5 million

Top stories by reach:

- 90.8 million reached:
 - [Three teens dead, 1 in hospital after crash in Ontario town: police](#) - MSN.com Health & Fitness
- 47.1 million reached:
 - [Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada and Children's Hospital at LHSC launch landmark research program to advance care in rare childhood bone disorders](#) – Yahoo! Finance
- 17.4 million reached:
 - [High-tech weapons screening system to be trialled at Alberta emergency department](#) – CBC Edmonton
- 17.3 million reached:
 - [50 years later, this kidney transplant recipient still thanks her sister for saving her life](#) – CBC London
- 17.3 million reached:
 - [Near tragedy on the hockey rink leads to awareness about responding to severe cuts](#) – CBC London

Coverage analysis:

November was an active month for the Communications and Public Engagement team. The group facilitated a total of six proactive stories, ranging from patient stories to medical firsts and research. The team also received 11 reactive media request and facilitated a successful visit by members of the National Health Information Service of South Korea as part of the group's junket to Canada and the United States to learn about the delivery of virtual care in those countries. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase the expertise of multiple members of Team LHSC and position us as a leader in the delivery of innovative care on the international stage. LHSC also saw media coverage resulting from initiatives from earlier in the year, such as its installation of weapons detections systems in its Emergency Department.

Social media

The Communications and Public Engagement team posted 19 pieces of content across LHSC's social media platforms in November. The content highlighted staff stories and hospital initiatives.

Total social media followers (across all platforms): 93,021 (+697 new followers, +.75%)

**number of stakeholders/members of the public that see and have the potential to engage with LHSC's stories on a regular basis.*

Total social media impressions: 321,961

**number of times posts across all LHSC social media platforms appeared on someone's screen*

Total social media engagements: 47,798

**number of people who liked, commented, or shared LHSC's content/stories on social media*

Top social media posts by engagement included:

- LHSC 150 — Emergency Department evolution | [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)
- Stop The Bleed | [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)
- LHSC 150 — Diane Kincaid's 50-year volunteer | [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- 50-year living transplant celebration | [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

Social media analysis:

This month, our top post took audiences back in time to the early beginnings of the Emergency Department (ED) at Victoria Hospital on South Street and highlighted the fast-paced evolution of care, teaching, and innovation across our EDs. Many patients and staff shared fond memories of their time there, including some who were even born at the hospital.

Other high-performing posts also reflected our legacy of care over the years, including LHSC volunteer Diane Kincaid's 50-year service milestone and the 50-year anniversary of living kidney donation at LHSC, which coincided with the anniversary of one of our earliest and longest-surviving living donor pairs.

Another popular post shared the story of 14-year-old hockey player Tyler Thorpe's life-threatening bleeding injury and how the Stop the Bleed program offered by LHSC's Trauma Program is helping our community learn to respond to life-threatening bleeding emergencies. The photos, videos, and stories featured in these posts connected our audiences to the patients and care providers behind the scenes whose lives are shaped by LHSC.

Content on London Health Sciences Centre Research Institute's social media channels continues to see positive engagement and growth. We are currently sitting at 4,331 followers across all platforms and have generated over 13,000 impressions in November.

Children's Hospital at LHSC and Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada launch landmark research program

On November 28, 2025, Children's Hospital at LHSC and Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada announced a joint, pan-Canadian research initiative to advance care in rare childhood bone disorders. The announcement comes just one year after Children's Hospital and Shriners' groundbreaking affiliation agreement. The Skeletal Tracking to Accelerate Research (STAR) Program is an ambitious effort to uncover the mechanisms behind rare bone diseases and to

improve care for children across Canada. The STAR Program, co-led by Dr. Leanne Ward of Children's Hospital and Dr. Frank Rauch of Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada, will help to accelerate research that delivers better treatments and better outcomes to LHSC's youngest patients. To read more, visit the LHSCRI [website](#).

Stop the Blood: Turning trauma into action

Life threatening bleeding can happen anywhere and without immediate action it can become fatal within minutes. LHSC's Trauma Program offers Stop the Bleed training to equip community members with the skills needed to respond in these critical moments before emergency responders arrive. Delivered by trained injury prevention and trauma experts, the hands-on program teaches participants how to recognize life threatening bleeding and control it using direct pressure, wound packing, and tourniquet application. The importance of this training was highlighted following a serious hockey injury involving a local youth athlete where quick bleeding control at the scene helped save his life. Since then, local coaches and trainers have participated in the program, helping build safer sporting environments and stronger community preparedness. Stop the Bleed training is available to groups, businesses, and organizations across the region. To learn more, visit the LHSC [website](#).

Fifty years of life and gratitude following living kidney transplant

A living kidney transplant performed at LHSC in 1975 is being celebrated this year as a rare 50-year transplant anniversary. Sisters Mary Ann Crossett and Margaret Reardon underwent one of LHSC's early living donor kidney transplants, a procedure that saved Mary Ann's life and marked a pioneering moment in the hospital's transplant program. Since introducing living donation in 1975, LHSC has completed hundreds of living donor transplants, helping patients live longer, healthier lives. The milestone reflects both the generosity of living donors and LHSC's longstanding leadership in transplant care, which continues to advance life-saving treatment for patients and families across the region. To learn more, visit the LHSC [website](#).

Adult patients with sickle cell disease can now be treated with stem cell transplantation at LHSC

LHSC is now able to offer stem cell transplantation as a treatment option for eligible adult patients with sickle cell disease, helping provide specialized care closer to home. In November

2024, through a collaborative effort across LHSC's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program and Lifespan Hemoglobinopathy Program, the hospital completed its first allogeneic stem cell transplant for an adult patient with sickle cell disease since 2007. Sickle cell disease is one of the most common inherited blood disorders and disproportionately affects Black patients. This advancement supports more equitable access to care and reflects LHSC's ongoing commitment to improving outcomes for patients with complex blood disorders. To learn more, visit the LHSC [website](#).

Male kidney donation may be linked to a higher chance of developing a scrotal condition, study finds

A new study from LHSCRI, ICES, and Western University has found a possible link between living male kidney donation and a treatable scrotal condition called a scrotal hydrocele, which is when an area around the testicle swells with fluid. The findings are helping to inform better screening, counselling, and follow-up care. It's also inspiring new research into surgical techniques that may reduce the chance of developing this condition. Published in [*Annals of Internal Medicine*](#), the research team analyzed nearly 900 male donors in Ontario and 9,000 male non-donors with similar baseline characteristics. They found that over 20 years, one in eight male donors had scrotal surgery compared with just one in 143 non-donors. The research team highlights that living kidney donation remains a safe and life-saving procedure with this research opening an avenue to enhance follow-up care. To learn more, visit the LHSCRI [website](#).

Awards, Recognitions & Publications

Research funding announcement

Dr. Wei-Ping Min was awarded funding through the Heart and Stroke Grants-in-Aid competition for the study entitled "Cardioprotective effect of DLC1 β in heart transplantation: Molecular mechanism and therapeutic potential" - \$385,000 (four years).

External Landscape

New Life or Limb Policy: Faster Care When Every Minute Counts

Ontario Health has updated the Life or Limb Policy to ensure patients with critical, time-sensitive conditions receive care quickly. The policy applies to situations where delays could result in loss of life or limb and the key change requires transfers to the appropriate level of care within four hours. These updates support better coordination between hospitals, faster decisions for patients in crisis, and improved outcomes for vulnerable populations, including critically ill patients, pregnant individuals in labour, and newborns needing specialized care. Together, these improvements strengthen Ontario's health-care system and ensure that when every minute counts, patients receive the right care at the right time. For more details, see the Government of Ontario [website](#).