



SWORBHP Achieves Educational Accreditation

LHSC's Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program (SWORBHP) was recently awarded Organizational Accreditation by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS).

The Organizational Accreditation process was developed by CECBEMS to recognize entities that conduct ongoing EMS continuing education programs and who are committed to planning and implementing activities of a consistently high quality. Organizational Accreditation also allows accredited organizations to review and accredit courses planned in conjunction with cosponsoring organizations.

"We are proud to say that LHSC is the only organization in Ontario to have received Organizational Accreditation for Continuing Education. This is an outstanding accomplishment which speaks to the dedication and commitment of the Regional Base Hospital staff," said Neil Johnson, Integrated Vice President, Medicine Services.

Severo Rodriguez, Regional Program Manager, added "Accreditation of the Regional Base Hospital speaks volumes for a program that was started in October 2008 and has already reached such a huge milestone. This is testimony of the value placed on leadership, communication and quality that is embodied in the program."

What does this mean and how will it affect the paramedics? The Regional Base Hospital has undergone a comprehensive self-study and peer review process to verify that the program has the infrastructure, staff, faculty, medical direction, and leadership to ensure implementation of high quality continuing education designed to meet the needs of EMS providers. Further, the program's commitment to quality continuing education has transcended regional and provincial standards achieving an international bench mark.

The Base Hospital program is committed to the ongoing development of educational activities that will help EMS providers, educators and administrators maintain the competency required to deliver high quality care and enhance their professional development.