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KMHC Welcomes Nurse Practitioners to Long Term Care

(Kahnawake – 20, Enniskó:wa/March 2024) Tehsakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) wishes to announce a significant development in the ongoing work to improve patient/resident care in the Long Term Care Unit. Beginning on Thursday, March 21st, 2024, KMHC is excited to welcome Nurse Practitioners to its inpatient care staff.

Nurse Practitioners are advanced practice nurses whose duties are defined by their field of nursing practice. In addition to the professional activities reserved to nurses in the Nurses Act, the Nurse Practitioner may perform eight more activities, as follows:

- Diagnosing illnesses
- Prescribing diagnostic examinations
- Using diagnostic techniques that are invasive or entail risks of injury
- Determining medical treatments
- Prescribing medications and other substances
- Prescribing medical treatments
- Using techniques or applying medical treatments that are invasive or entail risks of injury
- Providing pregnancy care

The Nurse Practitioners will be sharing the case load of Long Term Care residents with the Long Term Care physicians.

“If your family member is assigned to a nurse practitioner, you will receive a notice,” said Director of Nursing & Community Care Robin Guyer. “However, there may be times that the Nurse Practitioner will treat residents assigned to long term care physicians.”

The practice of using Nurse Practitioners in hospital settings has been increasing in recent years.

“They don’t replace other health care providers,” continued Ms. Guyer. “Rather, they are part of a collaborative team that includes doctors, nurses, social workers and others. While seeing a Nurse Practitioner, clients can still see their family doctor or any other health care provider.

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