

Attention Health Editors:

RPNAO recognizes Lakeridge Health as 2010 Employer of Excellence

MISSISSAUGA, May 12 – Lakeridge Health has been named the 2010 Employer of Excellence by the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO).

The annual RPNAO Employer of Excellence Award recognizes an employer that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in improving the utilization of Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) in innovative and creative ways. The award honours organizations that have successfully created a multi-disciplinary team environment for all health care workers and who maintain a safe, respectful and empowering work environment where RPNs can work to the full scope of their skills.



“We’re very pleased that RPNAO has recognized our strong commitment at Lakeridge Health to creating a culture in which all of our nurses feel supported and encouraged to enact their full scope of practice,” said Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, Chief Nurse Executive and Vice President of Professional Affairs at Lakeridge Health. “We truly believe in working together to provide quality care to our patients. Having the RPNAO validate our Nursing Professional Practice Vision is particularly rewarding.”

“Simply put, Lakeridge Health gets it. They are a shining example of the amazing things that can happen when an organization embraces changes within their nursing team that both enhance care and improve the working environment for nurses,” said Dianne Martin, Executive Director of RPNAO. “Lakeridge Health’s long-time support of the RPN role, combined with their commitment to interprofessional collaboration, made them an easy choice for RPNAO’s 2010 Employer of Excellence Award.”

The 2010 Employer of Excellence Award was presented to a team from Lakeridge Health at RPNAO’s Annual General Meeting and Conference in Guelph, Ontario.

About Lakeridge Health

Lakeridge Health is the largest community hospital network in Central-east Ontario and is dedicated to excellence in health care and research. It is comprised of four hospital campuses located east of Toronto in Bowmanville, Oshawa, Port Perry and Whitby and two specialty locations – Pinewood Centre and the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. For more information, please visit www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca.

About the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO)

Founded in 1958, RPNAO is the voice of registered practical nursing in Ontario. There are more than 29,000 registered practical nurses working in Ontario, playing a vital role in the province's health care system. For more information about RPNAO and its mandate, please visit www.rpnao.org.

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