



Media Release

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New Year Brings New Program to TDMH

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Sandy Jansen, President and CEO, announced today that beginning in January, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) will begin providing same-day joint replacement surgeries for hips and knees in the New Year. This progressive model is possible for eligible patients due to an evolution in the total joint process with an emphasis on regional anesthesia, surgical approach and outpatient rehabilitation thus decreasing recovery times and length of stay in hospital. This new and exciting much needed program for the community is the latest in the expansion of the surgical program at TDMH that was announced in June 2020.

The hospital is continuing to raise funds in support of this Orthopaedic surgery program with the John and Liz Lessif Matching Program. The Lessif's will match any community gifts up to \$500,000 total, with proceeds going towards the immediate need to support the Orthopaedic program with new state of the art surgical equipment.

In support of the program, the hospital welcomed Dr. Clayton Inculet in August of this year. Dr. Inculet completed his Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship in Orthopaedic Trauma and Foot and Ankle Surgery at London Health Sciences Centre. "The outpatient surgical program provides healthy patients an avenue to be able to recover from the procedure in the comfort of their own home with online and outpatient supports. Typically, patients eligible for same day procedures have no major ongoing medical issues that would require an inpatient post-operative stay. Candidates for outpatient surgery will be screened at the initial consultation," says Dr. Inculet.

"At our hospitals, we are constantly seeking ways to provide the highest quality and safest healthcare for our communities and COVID-19 has added pressures to our system that none of us would have imagined. I am so proud of our team and grateful to our Foundation and our Donors and to Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health for providing the necessary support to get this program running. While not all of these procedures can be completed on an outpatient basis, with each one, we shorten the list of those waiting for surgeries," says Sandy Jansen, President and CEO.

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