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ONTARIO LABORATORY ACCREDITATION ASSESSORS VISIT SBGHC

June 28, 2010 – Ontario Laboratory Accreditation (OLA) assessors completed a five day review of SBGHC’s laboratory policies and procedures last week. Laboratory accreditation is a requirement for all hospitals in Ontario, and is completed every four years.

During the five day visit, the laboratories at each of SBGHC’s four sites were assessed for compliance with over 500 requirements relating to Hospital and laboratory policies and procedures as outlined in the Quality Management System. A summary session held at the end of the week was very favorable, with over 97% of the requirements having been met. OLA assessors described SBGHC’s laboratory as being collaborative, patient centered and leaders in infection control and championing patient safety.

“There is a well developed culture of safety and quality in SBGHC’s laboratory,” explains Shirley Read, Laboratory Manager for SBGHC. “Our staff has worked extremely hard in recent years to develop and adhere to policies and procedures that ensure the safety of our patients.”

“This certainly was a team effort; the cooperation and participation, particularly by Shirley Read and the lab staff, has been exceptional,” says Dianne Waram, Vice President of Clinical Services at SBGHC. “We congratulate our lab staff on an excellent job, not only with this accreditation process, but also for their commitment and dedication on a daily basis.”

A certificate and confirmation of laboratory accreditation is expected in the coming months.

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