



# TALKING POINTS

## EDUCATION IS POWER

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### LHSC FACTS

- London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is one of Canada's largest acute-care teaching hospitals
- For more than 145 years, LHSC has provided patient care for people in London and beyond, pioneering many national and international breakthroughs which have benefited patients around the world
- LHSC cares for the most medically complex and critically ill patients in the region
- It is a multi-site facility that encompasses University Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Children's Hospital, the Westmount Kidney Care Centre, Byron and Victoria Family Medical Centres, and the 54 Riverview Avenue site (youth mental health).
- In addition, LHSC is the home of Lawson Health Research Institute, Children's Health Research Institute, CSTAR (Canadian Surgical Technologies & Advanced Robotics), Fowler Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic, as well as Children's Health Foundation and London Health Sciences Foundation.

### LHSC STATS

- LHSC sees more than one million patient visits per year
- From April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2020, LHSC saw:
  - 784,029 ambulatory visits
  - 164,832 emergency visits
  - 50,918 admissions
  - 5,813 births
  - 16,841 inpatient surgeries
  - 9,914 day surgeries
  - 2,286 active research projects
  - 7,287,057 laboratory tests
  - 412,217 diagnostic imaging
- Employs nearly 15,000 people
- There are 850 volunteers
- Received \$123 million in research funding
- Since 1949, LHSC has achieved more than 75 Canadian, North American and world firsts

For more information, [click here](#).





## CANCER

- In 2020, it was estimated:
  - 115,800 Canadian men would be diagnosed with cancer and 44,100 men would die from it
  - 110,000 Canadian women would be diagnosed with cancer and 39,300 women would die from it
  - On average, 617 Canadians would be diagnosed with cancer every day
  - Lung, breast, colorectal and prostate cancer are the most commonly diagnosed (excluding melanoma)
    - These four account for about half of all new cases
  - Pancreatic cancer has one of the lowest survival rates
- What's needed now is a shift in the standard of care provided to patients with genetically complex diseases

## CARDIAC

- 2.4 million Canadians have heart disease as of August 2020
- It is the second leading cause of death in Canada
- 9/10 Canadians have at least one risk factor
- Almost 80% of premature heart disease and stroke can be prevented
- Heart disease and stroke kill 32,000 women in Canada annually
- Although the heart is the strongest muscle in the body, more people die from cardiovascular disease worldwide than from any other cause. So, when the stakes are this high, LHSC's standard of care needs to be even higher
- LHSC needs to keep pace with the latest technology and least invasive procedures to get patients home sooner

## COVID-19

- The global pandemic continues to evolve in Ontario and LHSC continues to take actions to reduce the transmission and protect staff, physicians, patients, families and visitors
- Funds help support front-line health care professionals with personal protective equipment as well as purchase critical equipment, technology and enhance research to diagnose and treat patients





## EMERGENCY

- Last year, LHSC saw over 180,000 emergency visits
- In Ontario, approx. 22 per cent of visits are due to injuries
- Advanced and portable equipment will provide health care workers in the emergency room the flexibility to save lives

## CRITICAL NEEDS

- LHSC sees more than one million patient visits per year
- LHSC cares for the most medically complex cases in Southwestern Ontario and beyond
- To be at the forefront of medicine and provide the best care possible, LHSC needs to remain agile
- Whether it's ground-breaking research, life-saving equipment or updated technology, when donors support the most pressing needs, LHSC can be prepared for anything

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

- Every year, there are approx. 6,000 births at Victoria Hospital
- Women's care is a diverse field of medicine covering much more than birthing
- With your help, LHSC can enhance expert care to women by supporting surgical equipment, skills training, birth simulation, continence care and provide additional funding for costs associated with receiving care i.e. child care, hotel stay, medication

## MENTAL HEALTH

- The majority of mental illness starts before the age of 25; yet this group experiences the largest gap in mental health services
- Each year, one in five Canadians will have or have had a personal experience with a mental health problem or illness
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults between 15-34 years
- There is a growing waitlist that needs to be addressed. For patients courageous enough to reach out for help, waiting can have a devastating impact. To avoid heartbreaking outcomes, our hospital needs support to expand its services and double its capacity

## ORTHO

- The Orthopaedics Program is multi-faceted, with separate yet connected Clinical Teaching Units treating a wide variety of patients who may have suffered sports injuries, illness or accidents
- With advanced surgical technology, more precise imaging and rehabilitative support, LHSC can help patients get back on track

