



Celebrating Patient Safety Week



Patient and resident safety is a priority for staff, physicians and volunteers at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH), Almonte General Hospital (AGH) and Fairview Manor. The care teams continually look for opportunities to engage patients, residents and one another to talk about safety.

Next week is Canadian Patient Safety Week and events are planned at all sites to raise awareness and provide education. Poster presentations and videos will support a safer system and a strong culture of safety. Check them out on the lower level at CPDMH and in the lobby at both AGH and Fairview Manor.

Among the participants are the Pharmacy team who will be providing information on how to take various medications. The Infection Prevention & Control team will reinforce the importance of good hand

hygiene. And the Occupational Health team will be providing flu shots and information this year's flu.

This theme of this year's Patient Safety Week is 'Take With Questions'. It encourages patients, residents and healthcare professionals to start conversations about the 5 life-saving questions to ask about medications. These questions are: Changes? Continue? Proper Use? Monitor? and Follow-Up?

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital, Almonte General Hospital and Fairview Manor are proud to take part in Canadian Patient Safety Week 2017. Please ask questions, visit www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca to take the medication safety quiz, and help us to keep patients and residents safe.

1. CHANGES?

Have any medications been added, stopped or changed, and why?

2. CONTINUE?

What medications do I need to keep taking, and why?

3. PROPER USE?

How do I take my medications, and for how long?

4. MONITOR?

How will I know if my medication is working, and what side effects do I watch for?

5. FOLLOW-UP?

Do I need any tests and when do I book my next visit?