

## Today's Take-Aways

**Please note that, due to today's Code Yellow situation which is ongoing, our regularly scheduled Management Team update was cancelled.**

**As a result, our news section in this edition of *The Pulse* is not as robust as usual.**

**A more thorough update will be provided in our September 22nd edition of *The Pulse*.**

### COVID-19 – PRH Updates

- We are pleased to announce that while all three recent COVID-19 outbreaks have now been cleared, effective today there is a new declared outbreak on 3rd Medical. A memo regarding this outbreak has been distributed this afternoon. Any staff member who feels that they may have had unprotected high risk contact should call the Occupational Health and Safety Team at extension 8200.

### Human Resources

- We are gradually re-introducing volunteers into various roles within our hospital starting with way finding at our entrances. We are encountering some challenges in terms of volunteer availability for the roles we have identified so we will be continuing to work through a phase of volunteer recruitment. If you know someone who is interested in a volunteer role at PRH, please have them contact Micayla Sewell at extension 6504.

- The first meeting of our hospital's new Equity/Diversity/Inclusion (EDI) Committee was held August 29th. The new committee will take on an advisory role in areas where improvements can be made including policy, communication, celebration and education and plans to meet quarterly. Some change ideas have already been developed and formed into action items. More details about these will be shared going forward.

### Infection Prevention and Control

- Work will soon be underway in preparation for this fall's vaccination campaign. In looking at the data from Australia where they are already experiencing challenges in this year's flu season, we recognize the need to be well prepared and we are hoping for good uptake. If feasible, we are hoping to be able to co-administer both the new COVID-19 Bivalent booster and the influenza vaccine. More details to come!



Welcome to  
September!

# Emergency Preparedness

## Code Grey Exercise - Planned Vital and Normal Power Outage

Date: Thursday, March 24th, 2022

**Objective:** A planned electrical power outage was required to wire in a new Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) feeding the main IT Communication Room on the 2nd floor of Tower B. The outage was also to be used as a training exercise for Code Grey.

**What Went Well:** This Code Grey planned power outage was successful. Due to proper planning, both the normal and vital power shutdowns took a lot less time than what was originally planned or anticipated. If the electricians had broken a bolt in a panel or run into any other issue, there was sufficient time factored in to correct these issues without placing undue pressure on the electricians to correct the problem in a timely manner. Also, there was minimal disruption to Hospital operations.

**What Didn't Go Well:** The ED sliding doors would not open and went into lockdown mode. This was corrected by maintenance staff. Some Citrix users lost some icons and functionality. Spacelabs had some slight lag. This was all resolved without impact during the shutdown. It was noted that the ICU monitors did not go down during the shutdown since they were on Delayed Vital power which was not affected. There were no recommended improvement opportunities other than to circulate the information to staff for educational purposes.



## PRH Staff Association Treat Day Featuring A Bag Of 1/2 Dozen Of Smith's Corn

### Distribution Time/Locations:

Wednesday, September 21st.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and

**(The Lunch Box, Tower A, 2nd Floor)**

**Non-members or those wishing to purchase additional corn can do so directly from the vendor at \$3/half dozen or \$6/dozen.**

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. Everyone needs to pre-order, either as part of a group or individually.
2. Pre-orders must be submitted by email to [pr@prh.email](mailto:pr@prh.email) by 4 p.m. September 16th.
3. All pre-orders must be picked up during the distribution times on September 21st.
4. Please note that groups who pre-order are responsible for ensuring all staff on their lists:
  - are active Staff Association members and are IN THEIR DEPARTMENT
  - wish to receive this month's treat
  - receive their items after pickup



# GRATITUDE

To include a special message in this section, email [celebration&recognition@prh.email](mailto:celebration&recognition@prh.email).

- The IPAC team would like to compliment **Kyle Rowley (Physio)** for his outstanding compliance with his hand hygiene and use of PPE. He has very good technique and we want to celebrate him on his hard work!! Keep up the good job Kyle!! *Jennifer Krieger*

- Sarah Selle celebrated **Marc Rheume** for his support of the staffing rapid improvement event and all the follow up meetings and process implementation. She was so impressed with his support and how he is using Lean coaching at huddles. "Thank you so much Marc for your support. Getting back to our Lean management system is a priority for the hospital. We believe it engages staff and physicians and helps all of us to work together towards common goals." *Sabine Mersmann*

- Tina celebrated **Andy Turton** for his support with the Pharmacy renovation project. She mentioned what a great resource he is to them, that he is very supportive and helps with the communication with the construction team. She appreciates that he will go plead their case but also gives them feedback when it is not needed. "Thank you for bringing your great expertise and support to PRH! We are so glad that you decided to join us." *Sabine Mersmann*

- I would like to celebrate my co-workers – **Collinda Elliott, Ashley Duhn and Katie Clark**. You guys know just how to help out! I appreciate the support that I receive from this team and am happy to be part of the IPAC group. *Jennifer Krieger*

- Grace Weisenberg celebrated **Sandy, Maya, Kerri, Lisa, Anna, and Sonya** during a recent update meeting for doing a fantastic job in treating as many patients as possible and coming up with solutions on getting the information that was needed when technology was down. Thank you all for putting patients first! I also want to celebrate Grace for her wonderful leadership in pulling all of this together! *Sabine*

- Lisa Bradley celebrated Erin and Dr. Kim recently during our status update meeting for their tremendous support to the Rehab team when they needed urgent clinical assistance. Their thoughtful and calm approach and creating a mentoring and learning environment were so appreciated by all. Thank you for everything you do! *Sabine Mersmann*

- I would like to recognize the outstanding patient care provided by **Madison and Megan**. Their dedication to client centred care is remarkable, especially palliative. *Michael Peters*

- On behalf of the Department of Medical Oncology, Cancer Program leadership and myself, we want to send kudos to our **Systemic Therapy Satellite teams** for your patience and dedication to manage through the disruptions experienced September 2nd. Your efforts ensured that we were able to continue to provide patient care and minimize the impact on patients receiving chemotherapy in the region.

*Gwen Barton, Admin Lead for Patient Engagement/Experience and Regional Systemic Therapy Satellites*

## Save the Date!

The PRH Staff Association is going ahead with planning for in-person events this holiday season!

### **December 3 Dinner/Dance @ Germania Hall**

- Catering by Ullrich's
- Music by VSM Entertainment (Paul Lavigne)

### **December 11 Family Party @Petawawa Civic Centre**

- Featuring the one-hour Rudolph Rocks performance by Junkyard Symphony

**More details to come!**



# Foundation News

Pembroke Regional  
Hospital Foundation



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Régional de Pembroke

## Guardian Angel



"The Medical Staff at PRH would like to acknowledge Dinah Fleury with a Guardian Angel award. Although you were not our 'official' support person in Medical Affairs, you were always available to answer questions and help us with any administrative issues.

You are greatly missed and we wish you all the best!"

## Staff Appreciation Day

We want to say a big thank you to all the PRH staff and doctors who support the Foundation in so many ways throughout the year!

*September 29th*

*11am - 2pm*

*Night shift can come after 4:30pm*

Visit the Foundation Office located in Tower A, floor 1 and collect your CANDY BAG as a thank you from us to you!



Week #20

Estimated Jackpot

**\$62,000.00 !**

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*15th Anniversary*



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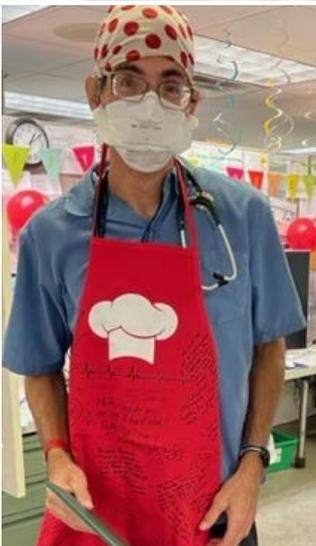
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or call 613-732-2811 ext 7408

**ONLINE AUCTION LAUNCHES**  
**September 27th at 10am**

# Dr. Daniel Plante Is Celebrated During His Last Shift In The PRH Emergency Department

After more than two decades of service to our ED, Dr. Plante's years of service were celebrated by staff who presented him with some special gifts on August 31st.



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*Congratulations*  
Week #18 Winner

**Sandra Bretzloff-Hammell**

**\$3,247!**

Ticket #R-1244235  
Card#29 - Jack of Clubs



*Congratulations*  
Week #19 Winner

**Judy Gorr**

**\$2,860!**

Ticket #S-2897832  
Card#25 - 6 of Spades

Week #19 Estimated Jackpot  
If the Ace of Spades is caught is over: **\$62,000**

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**FALL INTO THE SEASON SALE**

Monday, Sept. 19 to  
Sunday, Sept. 25

Join us at PRH's Sunshine Gift Shop  
and receive 20% off all NEW merchandise