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Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital wins team award...

Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital has been selected for the 2014 professional nursing award in the Interdisciplinary Healthcare Team category by the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM).

The annual award is presented to a health-care team that has made a significant and meaningful difference to the health and well-being of a client population. Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital team was selected through an extensive process that involved a blind adjudication by a committee of Registered Nurses and public representatives.

Seven Oaks was nominated by Patient Care Team Manager Kate Hodgson who oversees Day Hospital and an in-patient Geriatric Rehabilitation unit at Seven Oaks.

“This is a very proactive, self-directed and professional group of individuals who are knowledgeable, open and respectful. I’m honoured to work with such a cohesive and effective team,” she said.

The team at Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital includes four registered nurses certified in gerontology by the Canadian Nurses Association. They work together with a team of physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, Registered Dietitians, Speech Language Pathologists, recreation therapists, social workers, and rehabilitation assistants. Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital is an extension of rehabilitation services that support patients in the community.

Day Hospital is an outpatient program which utilizes an interdisciplinary team approach to assist older adults and their families to improve quality of life as they navigate through life challenges and an ever changing health care system. Patients being discharged from the hospital or living in the community are referred to four core programs. The programs include falls prevention, transitional support, comprehensive geriatric assessment, and non-specific rehabilitation service. Clients attend Day Hospital on a regular time limited basis and participate in daily programming; The Seven Oaks Geriatric Day Hospital Program has over 3000 client visits per year.

Some of the features of teamwork and collaboration recognized by the award include:



- Weekly team meetings to review referrals, set client goals, and monitor progress
- A ten year collaborative process to foster communication, respect, team building
- Implementation of a best practice multi-disciplinary Falls prevention program
- Active participation in inter-professional committees with partner healthcare organizations
- An innovative ride-along approach to improve transportation services for clients
- Incorporating former patients into the team as volunteers
- Routine and regular quality improvement through satisfaction surveys and implementation of change based on patient and family feedback.

The Interdisciplinary Healthcare Team award will be recognized along with several other CRNM awards at a banquet on May 15. For more information about the awards see <http://www.crnmb.ca/events-awards.php>.

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