

NEWS RELEASE

Warning: Dangerous Curves Ahead

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The road to health care at the Credit Valley Hospital has some dangerous curves ahead according to the hospital's year-end statistics and future year projections. The hospital's operating volumes have increased dramatically in many programs and services.

The northwest section of Mississauga has been in a state of rapid growth over the last few years. The larger area served by CVH grew by 48% over the last five years. An additional 32% in growth is expected between now and the year 2003.

The unprecedented growth has been causing serious problems for the hospital, because the hospital's operating funds, most of which come from the Ministry of Health, have not kept pace with growth. Consequently, caregivers are trying to care for a dramatically increased patient load, with 1995 dollars.

At the end of April the hospital received its initial Ministry of Health allocation for this fiscal year. "It was disappointing to say the least," hospital president, Wayne Fyffe acknowledges. "The interim allocation provides \$1 million less than last year's funding." The 1998/99 operating budget, after additional transitional funding injections, was \$83 million. The initial funding for the 1999/00 fiscal year will provide a budget of \$82 million.

The Credit Valley Hospital is holding a Public Information Forum on Thursday, June 24th at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Skylight Restaurant to familiarize the public with these serious issues that will impact patient care. We hope you will be able to attend.

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