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NEON Expands Northern Partnerships

Sudbury, ON – The Northeastern Ontario Network (NEON) keeps expanding its northern partnerships, welcoming the St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake as the 9th health care organization to join the Network. Today's partnership announcement followed the recently held celebration of NEON's 5th anniversary.

St. Joseph's CEO Mike Hukezalie said "Our organization realizes that information is the backbone of a cost effective health care system and after weigh other information technology (IT) options we decided to join NEON because it will improve patient care by allowing our hospital and other North Eastern Ontario hospitals to share patient information in real-time. The NEON project has a proven track record and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the group."

NEON began as a partnership between seven northeastern Ontario hospitals that participated in the implementation of a new hospital information system. This project is significant because NEON is a group of hospitals that voluntarily participated in the sharing of a hospital information system and related technologies.

"NEON's success is echoed by the recognition it received as a finalist for a Canadian Information Productivity Award and the increased demand for the system,"said Gaston Roy, Director of Information Technology, HRSRH. "NEON allows northern hospitals to seamlessly share patient information - which immediately results in improved patient care," added Roy. "NEON is a cost effective system that helps eliminate geographical barriers and ultimately improves our ability to deliver quality health care throughout the North."

Since its inception in 1999, NEON quickly expanded to include a shared information system that would provide clinicians and staff with an electronic patient record showing relevant patient data from all NEON sites resulting in better patient care, less duplication of diagnostic testing and faster access to clinical information.

The NEON consortium includes the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital, Chapleau Health Services, Englehart and District Hospital, Kirkland and District Hospital, Northeast Mental Health Centre, Smooth Rock Falls Hospital, Temiskaming Hospital, Timmins and District Hospital and the Elliot Lake Health Centre.

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