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## Group Health Centre welcomes bigwigs

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### **GHC welcomes Ontario Health Quality Council visit to Sault Ste. Marie**

*Groups to discuss best practices in healthcare delivery*

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

(September 10, 2007) - Ontario Health Quality Council (OHQC) members are touring Group Health Centre (GHC) this afternoon, as part of their first-time visit to Sault Ste. Marie, where they are also hosting their council meeting on September 11.

According to Raymond Hession, OHQC chair, "The Group Health Centre is an excellent example of best practices within the Ontario healthcare system. We are pleased to meet with them to learn more about their integrated model for health care delivery and their use of electronic medical records. The council applauds them for their innovative programs in health promotion and chronic disease prevention and management."

The OHQC members are interested in learning more about GHC, the centre's Health Promotion Initiatives (HPI) Program and chronic disease management outcomes.

GHC's Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Program was highlighted in the OHQC 2007 annual report and featured online interviews with Algoma District Medical Group primary care providers and specialists, family health nurses and a GHC patient with CHF.

Dr. Patricia Avery, president, Algoma District Medical Group (ADMG) at GHC, states: "The OHQC's acknowledgement of our efforts to prevent and manage chronic disease in their recent report, as well as their visit to the Centre today, is a tribute to our health care team and patients at the Centre."

Graham Clark, Group Health Association (GHA) president & CEO, said: "We are honoured to welcome the council members to the centre and look forward to their continued interest in our programs."

Created in 2005, the Ontario Health Quality Council reports annually

to Ontarians on access to health services, health human resources, population health status and health system outcomes and supports continuous quality improvement in the health system.