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Runnymede healthcare centre to Receive \$6.27 Million in funding TO OPEN remaining beds

Toronto, July 20, 2011 - On July 14, 2011 the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced an additional \$6.27M in operational funding for Runnymede Healthcare Centre. This new funding will enable the hospital to open two additional Patient Care Units and bring the hospital's total capacity to 200 beds.

"Today's announcement has placed Runnymede Healthcare Centre at the forefront of meeting the needs of those requiring our specialized services.

The funding received will allow our hospital to open much needed Complex Continuing Care beds and provide an enhanced level of care. Runnymede Healthcare Centre's increased capacity will also alleviate system pressures by working with health service providers to reduce hospital wait times and allow access to hospital services when needed."

-Connie Dejak, President & Chief Executive Officer, Runnymede Health Centre

"With the support of the Ontario government, Runnymede Healthcare Centre will be better equipped to offer the specialized treatment and care they are known for. This additional funding will help provide better care and services to the local community."

-Laura Albanese, MPP York South-Weston

Runnymede Healthcare Centre's redevelopment project, now complete, has enabled the hospital to more than double their capacity from 95 to 200 beds while expanding much needed programs and services. The hospital is now more equipped than ever to respond effectively and efficiently to increasing system wide pressures by reducing wait times to better meet the healthcare needs of Ontarians.

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