

INSIDE HUMBER

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Monthly Highlights



National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack

January 29 was National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia. Imran Ally, among many other titles and responsibilities, offers his chaplain services to those at Humber. To commemorate the day, Imran has kindly shed insight into its significance and the importance of taking action against Islamophobia in our communities.

[Watch Here](#)



Humber Utilizing Intraoperative PTH Testing to Treat Hyperparathyroidism

Intraoperative PTH testing is offered in only a few hospitals in Ontario, including Humber. Key members of the organization were pivotal in bringing this test to Humber, including Dr. Raewyn Seaberg, an otolaryngologist - head and neck surgeon, as well as Dr. Atoosa Rezvanpour, a clinical biochemist and hematology specialist.

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Clinical Investigator Award Recipient, Dr. Abhimanyu Sud

Dr. Abhimanyu Sud, Research Chair in Primary Care and Population Health Systems at Humber, was the recipient of the Clinical Investigator Award from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto for his ongoing work in primary care and family medicine focused research.

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Anesthesia in Humber's Maternal and Child Department

Dr. Joseph Koval is Humber's Chief of Anesthesia. Humber provides two anesthesiologists on-call at all times in our Maternal and Child Department to assist patients. This improves their experience by decreasing wait times and providing ongoing high-quality care.

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Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2022 is "Black Resistance". Black History Month is an opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the achievements that Black people have accomplished in this country, despite the history of racism and oppression. Black History Month is a moment to celebrate, highlight, and honour heroes as we continue to push for equality, representation and freedom from all forms of discrimination. Black History is Canadian History.

We have a number of materials and events you can anticipate for the remainder of February:

International African Medical Innovators Tabletop Exhibit

This mobile exhibit will showcase the contributions of People of African descent and feature innovations in medicine and inventions in diverse areas of our daily lives. This exhibit is presented to you by Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum.

Date: Tuesday, February 14 - 17

Location: Portals of Care (A & B)

Medical Innovators of the African Diaspora - Virtual Presentation


Ciaran Phillip, Forensic Scientist and Science Communicator from the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum, will be hosting a presentation highlighting the achievements of Black healthcare innovators and inventors in their diverse fields.

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023



Time: 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Location: Auditorium (Wilson Site), Administrative Boardroom (Church Site), Boardroom (Finch Site).




Please click on the interactive calendar below to find all of the Black History Month content and events created by the Hospital and the Foundation, including video interviews with staff from the Black community and exclusive blogs and social posts:




FEBRUARY 2023

** Please note that the content will be available on the post date below

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MEMO FOUNDATION/SOCIAL MEDIA BHM SOCIAL POST 		BHM-SPV BLOG	
5	FOUNDATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	BHM -SPV VIDEO		CCDI WEBINAR- UNLEARNING ANTI-BLACK RACISM (1 PM)	BHM -SPV VIDEO	
12	FOUNDATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN MEDICAL INNOVATORS (IAMI) TABLETOP EXHIBIT	IAMI TABLETOP EXHIBIT THE EXCELLENCE OF BLACK PHILANTHROPY: PANEL DISCUSSION (5:30 PM)	IAMI TABLETOP EXHIBIT	IAMI TABLETOP EXHIBIT	
19	FOUNDATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	BHM-SPV BLOG		FOUNDATION/ SOCIAL MEDIA	BHM -SPV VIDEO BLACK INNOVATORS- VIRTUAL PRESENTATION (2:00 PM)	
26		BHM SOCIAL POST 	BLACK HISTORY MONTH			



You can find all of our Black History Month content included in the March issue of Inside Humber.

Doc Talks

Dr. Ralph Masi - Family Medicine



[Watch Here](#)

Dr. Barry Cayen - Surgery



[Watch Here](#)

Interview: Parker Ducharme, Events Coordinator

Parker Ducharme is the Events Coordinator at the Humber River Hospital Foundation. In this interview, Parker discusses why he is passionate about Humber, the most interesting technologies he has come across, and what inspires him!

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Data Privacy Day - January 28

Alona Burman is the Manager of Privacy and Release of Information in Humber's Health Information Services Department. As Humber's Privacy Officer, Alona is responsible for matters pertaining to privacy, ensuring Humber follows provincial and federal privacy legislation. The health information services team provide subject matter expertise in data collection, records management, data integrity and standards information disclosure, coding, and privacy. Patient privacy is of top priority and we ensure their information is secure and protected.

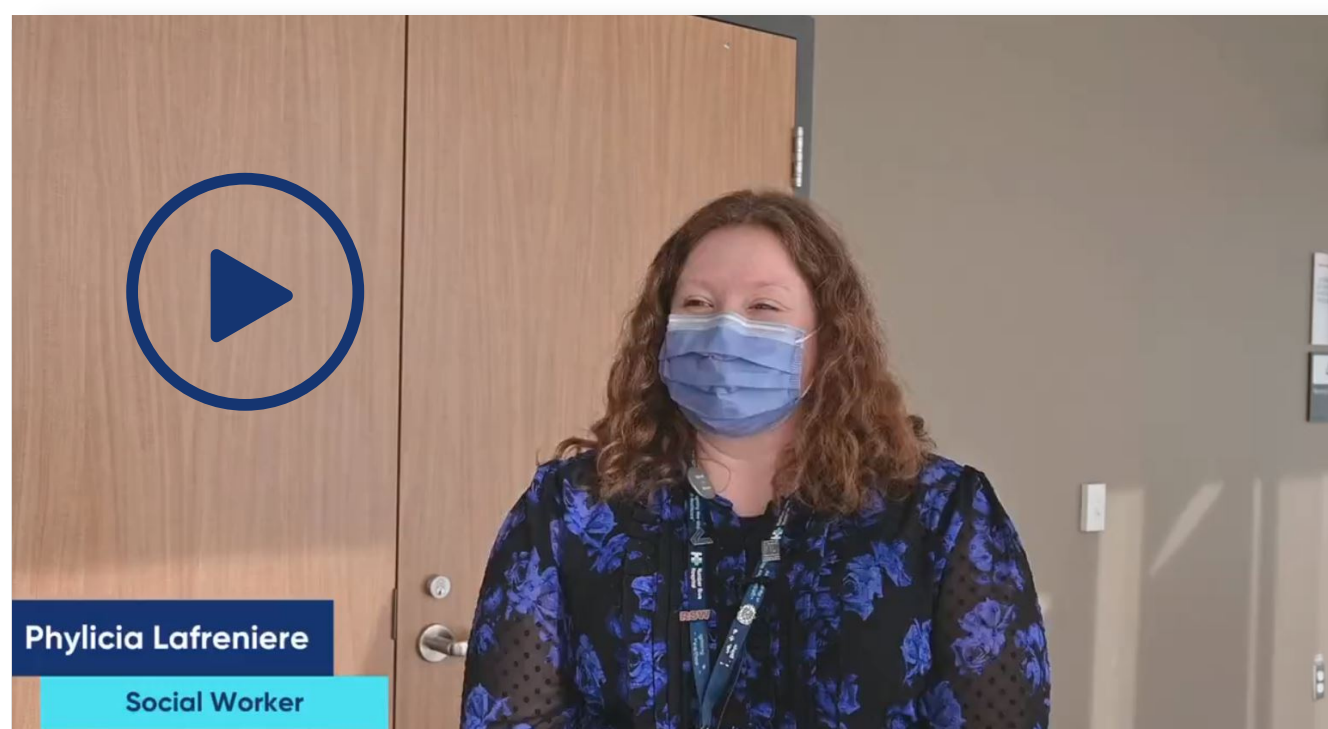


Bell Let's Talk - January 25

January 25 was Bell Let's Talk Day, a mental health initiative dedicated to moving mental health forward in Canada. Bell Let's Talk focuses on four key action pillars: fighting the stigma, improving access to care, supporting world class research and leading by example in workplace mental health. We spoke to two members of our mental health team here at Humber to discuss stigma and prioritizing mental health.

"Raising awareness for mental health is important to help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and encourages children or adults to seek help when they need it. By raising awareness, we can create a more supportive and inclusive society for all."

Michael Postic, Nurse Practitioner, Chemical Dependency Team,
Adult Mental Health and Addictions Program



Meet Registered Social Worker, **Phylcia Lafreniere**.
"Raising awareness for mental health is vital to provide access to mental health resources, eliminate the stigma, create positive change, and move mental health forward."

Watch the video to learn more!

Reminder...

Humber River Hospital

Join us on
PINK SHIRT DAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Against bullying Advocate for kindness and inclusivity.

LIFT EACH OTHER UP

Annual Scholarly Practice Conference

On January 30, 2023, we held our fifth annual scholarly practice conference. This year marks the first in-person scholarly practice since the pandemic. The event featured poster presentations that showcased quality improvement projects implemented by Humber's staff, physicians, patient and family advisors. These posters illustrate how our teams were able to identify, formulate, execute and evaluate continuous quality improvements while improving patient and family care.

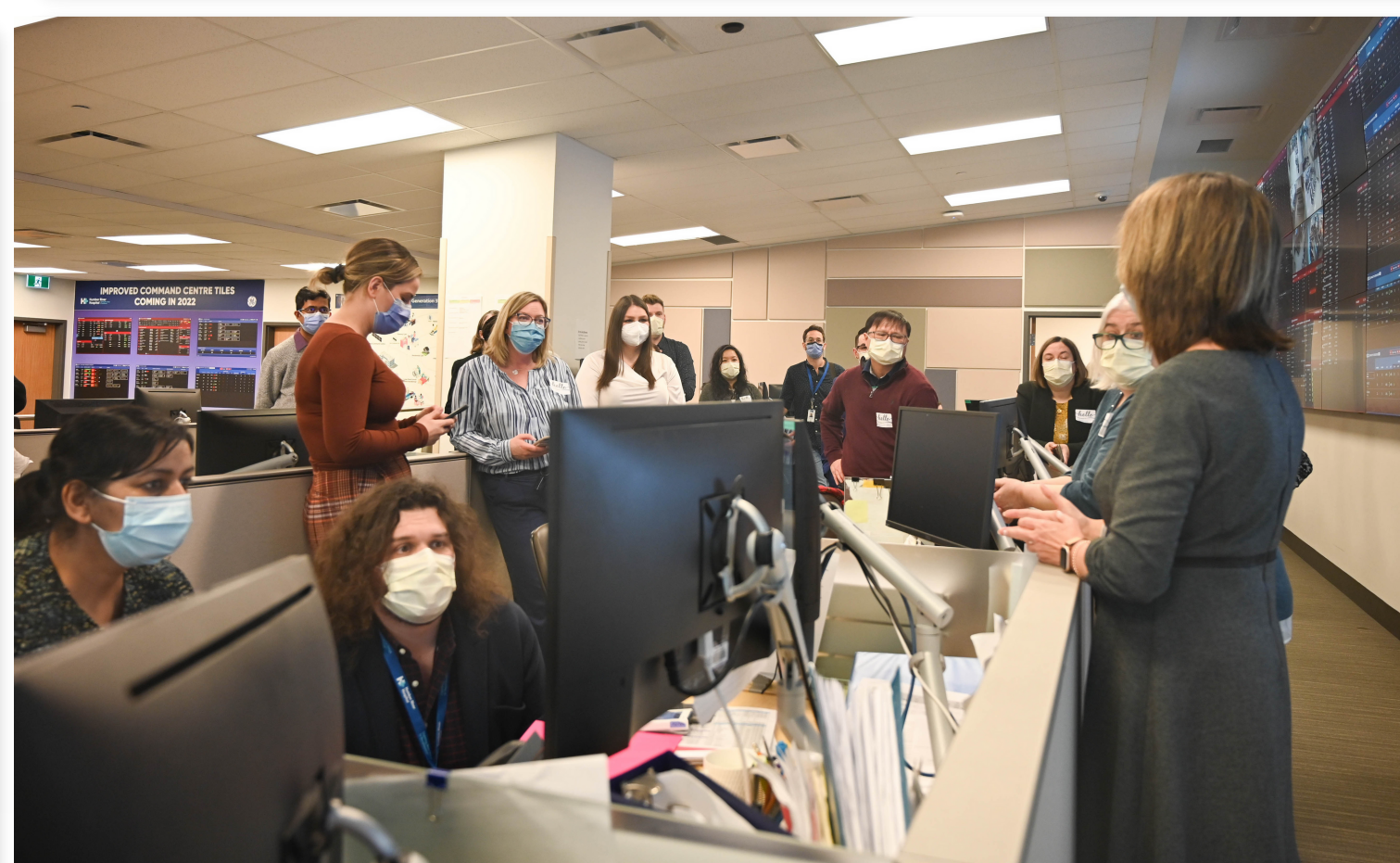
These 36 posters were displayed at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) annual conference that took place from December 5 to 7, 2022 in Orlando, Florida.



HOMR Initiative Event

On January 30, 2023, Humber River Hospital hosted the fourth annual meeting of the HOMR Initiative, an automated tool for the timely identification of patients at elevated risk of death in the next year who may benefit from a palliative approach to their care. The HOMR Initiative is co-led by Dr. Pete Wegier—Senior Director of Humber’s Digital Health Research Centre and Research Chair in Optimizing Care Through Technology—and Dr. James Downar—Clinical Research Chair in Palliative and End-of-Life Care at the University of Ottawa. Nearly 30 representatives from 9 of the 20+ hospitals where HOMR is being implemented gathered at Humber’s Wilson site to share their knowledge of implementing the HOMR tool in their hospitals. Attendees included physicians, nurses, researchers, and members of hospitals’ leadership teams.

The day concluded with an inter-hospital brainstorming and discussion session regarding the facilitators and barriers of implementing the HOMR tool, and how these implementations could move beyond the acute setting and feed back into primary care to best serve the most vulnerable of patients.



LTC Announcement: Diagnostic Services

On January 31, we were grateful to be joined by Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; Minister of Long-Term Care, Paul Calandra; Solicitor General and MPP for York Centre Michael Kerzner; and MPP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, Robin Martin for the announcement of Ontario expanding access to diagnostic services for long-term care residents.

The Ontario government is connecting long-term care residents to faster and convenient access to diagnostic services such as x-rays and ultrasounds. Improved access to care will help improve residents' quality of life and reduce avoidable emergency department visits or hospital stays.

Enhanced services offered through Humber River Hospital will include:

- Increasing the number of hours for pre-booked appointments for x-ray and ultrasound services;
- Non-urgent resident transport for x-ray and ultrasound services at Humber River Hospital; and
- Increasing the number of hours a long-term care home can connect with a nurse navigator that supports long-term care homes with needs assessments and coordinating with other health care teams.



Social Media Highlights

Humber River Hospital @HRHospital · Jan 14

.@HRHospital nursing orientation program had a significant impact on the competence of the nurses. We regularly evaluate our orientation program and make changes to achieve learners' satisfaction.



Humber River Hospital @HRHospital

Our Emergency Department has implemented real-time data displays in its waiting areas, developed by our Analytics and Business Insights team. The displays show patients how many individuals are ahead of them and the longest wait time expected from triage to doctor assessment.




Barb Collins @BarbCollinsHRH

The food services team at @HRHospital continually work behind-the-scenes to ensure patients' needs are met daily. This department provides safe food and quality meals to patients to support their overall health and recovery during their time in our Hospital.



Barb Collins @BarbCollinsHRH · Jan 9

We are pleased to welcome 110 new employees and 35 nurses to our team at @HRHospital. Through our orientation process, we aim to provide our new hires with the support, information, and tools they need to achieve growth and success within their roles. Welcome aboard!



Humber River Hospital @HRHospital

Wishing all who are celebrating a happy and healthy Lunar New Year. This is the #YearOfTheRabbit – a year of kindness and ambition. This is a reminder to all to remember the initiative within you and continue to work towards your goals this year and always. #LunarNewYear



Humber River Hospital @HRHospital

January 27 is internationally recognized as Holocaust Remembrance Day. We take this opportunity to reflect on the lives of those who suffered due to the atrocities of the Holocaust and come together to combat antisemitism and discrimination to create a more unified world.



Humber River Hospital @HRHospital

Hazel McCallion was a trailblazer for women in Canada and around the world. Hurricane Hazel dedicated her whole life to public service, and has left an impressive legacy. Our community wishes her family and friends well as they take the time to mourn, and celebrate Hazel's life.

Bonnie Crombie @BonnieCrombie · Jan 29

Today, we grieve the loss of Mississauga's matriarch, Hazel McCallion, a fierce and passionate leader who touched the lives of so many. She lived a life of service before self - everything she did was for the betterment of our City. My deepest condolences to the McCallion family.

[Show this thread](#)



Barb Collins @BarbCollinsHRH · Jan 1

There is a lack of access to comprehensive interdisciplinary primary care in our community, with only 12.2% of the population enrolled to a FHT, compared to 23.3% provincially. This policy will provide those without access to primary care more options rather than hospital ERs.

Ontario Ministry of Health @ONThealth · Jan 1

Official

Starting today, you can now go straight to your local pharmacy with your health card for assessment and prescriptions for thirteen common ailments including allergies, rashes, pink eye and more, at no extra charge.

Learn more at ontario.ca/CommonAilments

