Welcome to the Fall 2018 Lakeridge Health Community Update – the first since the new Board of Trustees began its work in September. Today, Durham Region is one of the fastest-growing areas in Ontario. At Lakeridge Health, we are focused on expanding and strengthening the region’s acute care system to ensure we provide the services people in Durham Region need most.

We are making significant progress. In October, Lakeridge Health was named a Gynecologic Oncology Centre, one of only three such specialized centres in Ontario, providing women across Durham Region and beyond with access to specialized gynecologic cancer care, close to home. In addition, we have introduced our new Emergency Department at the Port Perry, Bowmanville and Oshawa hospitals to enable health care professionals to share information and collaborate in real-time, across distances, to support newborns, children and youth.

In September, fulfilling our commitment to the community, the Port Perry Hospital new Emergency Department opened on schedule with more than 500 people touring the facility and attending opening celebrations. The hospital and all of the clinical services are fully restored, with a very active Emergency Department, Medical-surgical unit, surgical program and New Life Centre. As one of the largest community hospital systems in Ontario, Lakeridge Health is tackling the challenge of hallway medicine on multiple fronts. With four busy emergency departments across Durham Region, we are introducing new models of care, working with partners differently and implementing innovative solutions including virtual technology to improve access. We are also partnering with health providers across Central East LHIN to prepare for flu season and support people to be healthy as possible.

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