

June 2004

Meet the new Board

On July 14, 2003, Letters Patent were issued to create CCN's status as a non-share capital corporation (not-for-profit). On June 9, 2004, the first Annual General meeting of the Corporation was held and the following volunteers were confirmed as the Board of Directors for 2004/5:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2004/5

- › Matt Anderson, *University Health Network, Toronto*
- › Dr. Adalsteinn Brown, *University of Toronto, Dept. of Health Administration*
- › Dr. Eric Cohen, *Sunnybrook & Women's, Cath Lab, Toronto*
- › Patricia Daniels, *St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto*
- › Dr. Anthony Graham, *St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto*
- › Dr. Lyall Higginson (Vice Chair), *University of Ottawa Heart Institute*
- › Dr. Andreas Laupacis, *Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Toronto*
- › Lynne Lawrie, *Toronto District Health Council*
- › Dr. Charles Lazzam, *Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga*
- › Mary Catherine Lindberg, *Ontario Council of Teaching Hospitals*
- › Dr. John McCans, *Kingston General Hospital*
- › Dr. Manish Maingi, *Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga*
- › Patricia Norman, *Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket*
- › John Oliver (Chair, President) *Halton Health Services, Oakville*
- › Leo Steven, *Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto*
- › Grace St. Jean, *Hôpital Régional de Sudbury*
- › Dr. Neville Suskin, *London Health Sciences Centre, London*
- › Anne Tattersall, *Toronto General Hospital, UHN*
- › Dr. Kevin Teoh, *Hamilton Health Sciences Centre*

Dr. Kevin Glasgow, CEO, was confirmed as Corporate Secretary.

Scott Dudgeon, former Executive Director, Toronto District Health Council, has recently resigned as his new focus takes him to the field of mental health. Other retiring members of the CCN Committee (pre-cursor to

the current Board) over the past year are: Bruce Antonello, Bill Bain, Dr. David Boyle, Dr. Milan Gupta, Dr. Alexander Hamilton, Donna Riley and Allison Stuart (ex officio).

WHAT'S NEW?

As part of CCN's commitment to provide timely information on the activities of the Network, we are introducing a regular news vehicle which will be distributed only by e.mail. To add your name to the list of those receiving this newsletter, please mail your request to mail@ccn.on.ca. To be removed from the e.list, please use the same address and mark the subject line: "remove me."

- › Coverage of the provincial budget, and the federal government health care platform has raised the profile of the Wait List Reporting and Management function in the media.
- › CCN has been cited in numerous news stories and we continue to follow up and refer media to our wait list data posted on our website. Figures by hospital and procedure have been updated in June.
- › An *e.alert* highlighted the release of the **Target Setting Report** on May 17, 2004, which was the work of the Consensus Panel co-chaired by Dr. Eric Cohen and Dr. William Shrage and supported by Terri Swabey, Director, Projects and Liaison.
- › *Globe & Mail* article on June 2 by Gery Barry and Mike Lomardi of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries cited CCN as "the most rigorously managed wait list in the country."

- › *Medical Post* article June 29: "Ontario Cardiac Care network a model in reducing wait times."



Regional Cardiac Care Coordinators: Lorna Bickerton, Colette Plourde, Donna Riley, Janet Murphy-Smith

Strategic Planning Day - June 9, 2004

Facilitated by Deloitte, the all-day meeting was held at West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto. Significant environmental scanning during the Strategic Planning process contributed to an overview of CCN's current status. Stakeholders from many organizations were canvassed for their opinions about the effectiveness of CCN and the directions we should be considering as we enter our 15th year. The Board has committed to share the results with our stakeholders and we thank all those who participated for their valuable insights. Anticipated Board endorsement of the CCN Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years will occur in September 2004.

CCN acknowledges and sincerely thanks these and all other volunteer committee members who provide their expertise, system knowledge and experience to bring consensus and concern to developing better access to cardiac services through effective wait list management and expert report production.

WATCH FOR:

PATIENT INFORMATION BROCHURE

▶ The new downloadable **Patient Information Brochure** is the creation of a working group consisting of Regional Cardiac Care Coordinators, information officers and health-care administrators. It will be distributed to patients in the 17 cardiac centres. It will also provide the public visiting our website with common information and clear understanding of the process they are entering, as well as contact information with the Regional Cardiac Care Coordinators in their area. This brochure is also disponible *en français*.

This brochure will be a very useful communication tool for patients and families. We plan to add a poster for hospital cardiac centre waiting areas and a final printed version. In the

meantime, the coordinators can access the brochure through the website and print it out.

ACCESS TO URGENT PCI FOR STEMI CONSENSUS PANEL REPORT

▶ The release of this **report**, the result of a focused review chaired by Dr. Marino Labinaz, Cardiologist, University of Ottawa Heart Institute, is expected July 5, 2004, with the full document and recommendations posted on the CCN website.

CARDIAC SURGERY REPORT CARD

▶ This **report** was developed by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in collaboration with CCN. It contains the institutional report

cards for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery for fiscal 2000 and 2001. The report card measures hospital performance using the following risk adjusted outcomes: in hospital mortality, 30-day mortality and length of stay. This report also describes the clinical characteristics of patients undergoing CABG surgery in Ontario at each institution. Surgeon specific analysis is not included.

PROVINCIAL WAIT LIST STRATEGY

CCN has already participated in meetings held at the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care as one of a group of experts invited to give input into the strategy development. We expect to continue sharing our expertise to this group.