Sunnybrook Shines a Spotlight on 2023-24

when it matters most
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Introduction

Over the past year, Sunnybrook has continued to be there for our patients and their families when it matters most.

Sunnybrook’s commitment to enhancing patient experience is evident in several initiatives. The Odette Cancer Centre’s new Halcyon machines and MR-Linac technology offer advanced cancer treatments. The BRAVE Program continues to support youth affected by violence, and St. John’s Rehab’s virtual care model has been recognized for excellence. Enhancements like the soon-to-be-opened MySunnybrook Experience Centre and the renewal of Sunnybrook Moments of Excellence ensure our patients feel valued and well-cared for.

Sunnybrook strengthened partnerships to improve patient care. The Toronto Regional Arthroplasty Collaborative (TRAC) addresses hip and knee surgery wait times, and the Virtual Emergency Department continues to provide accessible care. The North Toronto Ontario Health Team’s primary care strategy and the Toronto Health and Social Services Directory enhance community health services.

Major infrastructure projects are underway to accelerate our core business. Construction is nearing an end and plans are underway to open the Garry Hurvitz Brain Science Centre next year and ground was also broken for the Peter Cipriano Centre for Seniors Health. Teams are also busy solidifying plans for a new Critical Care Centre. Sunnybrook’s digital infrastructure included the launch of Project REACH, aimed at modernizing our Hospital Information System.

In fiscal year 2023-24, Sunnybrook navigated post-pandemic challenges with resilience. Supported by government investments, we faced cumulative multi-year inflationary pressures on compensation and supplies. This year’s excess revenue over expenses when combined with last year’s deficit results in a modest average margin of 1.3 per cent over the past two years. Ongoing collaboration with the Ministry of Health is essential as we seek sustainable funding solutions amidst compensation and inflation pressures.

Education remains a cornerstone at Sunnybrook. We train 4,000 learners annually, from 56 health disciplines and 76 countries. Our in-person education conference returned, drawing 250 participants, and we refreshed our strategic plan to emphasize continuing education. Sunnybrook’s educational excellence supports our mission to provide quality learning for all in an ever-changing world.

As one of Canada’s top research hospitals, SRI is at the forefront of innovation, supported by over 1,300 research staff. This year, three scientists received Canada Research Chairs, and SRI ranked ninth among Canada’s Top 40 Research Hospitals. A $24 million Transformation Grant will enable ground-breaking research into neurological disorders. The Medventions program expanded to Atlantic Canada, nurturing future healthcare innovators.

Sunnybrook remains at the forefront of medical innovation. In partnership with Sick Kids, our teams used MRI-guided focused ultrasound to treat pediatric brain tumours. Gene therapy treatments for retinitis pigmentosa and the verification of our Tory Trauma Program as a Level 1 trauma centre by the American College of Surgeons highlight our commitment to advancing patient care.

Sunnybrook prioritized health human resources, embracing team-based care models and wellness initiatives. The Team Sunnybrook Community Garden and the “Your Health Space” mental health services highlight our commitment to staff well-being. Our Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) Pathway supports cultural integration and skills development, with over 170 nurses currently enrolled.

Sunnybrook Foundation raised $72.5 million, disbursing a record $81 million to support hospital priorities. Key achievements include the opening of the Myron and Berna Garron Electrophysiology Suites, nearing the funding goal for the Peter Cipriano Centre for Seniors Health, and a $10 million gift establishing the Yuval & Lori Barzakay Brain Health Clinic.

Through the efforts noted in this report, Sunnybrook continues to trailblaze progress on inventing the future of healthcare and achieving our mission of being there when it matters most.

This year, we launched the “This Place is Special” brand marketing campaign, highlighting the uniqueness of our institution.
In fiscal year 2023-24, Sunnybrook continued to navigate the transition to a ‘new normal’ following the COVID-19 pandemic. Many trends observed in the previous year continued, supported by ongoing government investment in the healthcare system. However, inflationary pressures on both compensation and supplies, coupled with challenges in health human resources, continued to exert financial strain on the sector, aligning with broader trends in health care.

Sunnybrook, alongside other health care institutions, grappled with the financial consequences caused by the overturning of the Restriction to Inflation Compensation Act. This outcome resulted in increased wages as multi-year arbitrated awards were fulfilled in the past and current years. To mitigate the impact of compensation inflation, the Government of Ontario allocated hospitals one-time funding, including Sunnybrook. This injection of funds resulted in Sunnybrook ending the year with a surplus of $45 million in revenue over expenses. This result, when viewed in light of the operating deficit of ($5 million) in 2022-23, reflects a modest average margin of 1.3 per cent of total revenue over the past two years.

Collaborative efforts with the Ministry of Health persist in the pursuit of a sustainable funding solution. The reliance on one-time funding presents uncertainty for hospitals as they approach the next fiscal year. The sustained pressure on compensation, together with non-labour inflationary increases and the evolving post-COVID landscape, adds to the challenges faced by hospitals across Ontario. As the government formulates a funding strategy, Sunnybrook may need to defer decisions regarding critical capital improvements, prioritizing the balance between capital investments and short-term financial uncertainty.

This chart reflects that 78 per cent (75 per cent in fiscal 2022-23) of all funding is used for direct patient care. Also evident in the chart is Sunnybrook's spend on corporate support at 10 per cent, in line with historical results. Sunnybrook remains a fiscally prudent organization as evidenced by continuously using the vast majority of its resources in the provision of patient care.
At Sunnybrook, education matters, and the past year was no exception. The hospital’s learners came from all over the world to study with renowned faculty, and became valued members of our interprofessional, person-centred teams. Every year, Sunnybrook trains 4,000 learners, including 56 health disciplines from 76 countries.

Ten years of exemplary leadership
After a decade of visionary leadership, it was announced Dr. Ari Zaretsky would be stepping down as Vice President of Education. During his nearly 20 years with Sunnybrook, Dr. Zaretsky made remarkable contributions through several leadership roles including Psychiatrist in Chief, Interim Chief Medical Executive, and, since 2014, as Vice President of Education. Under his guidance, tens of thousands of learners from around the globe have chosen Sunnybrook to launch their careers, enhance their skills, and forge a path toward delivering exceptional patient care.

Learners come together in person once again
Over the last year, the hospital resumed its in-person education conference for the first time in four years. With 250 participants, the event was the largest to date, and represented the spirit of collaboration with attendees from other Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN) hospitals and also from community healthcare organizations. With a theme of “From teaching to coaching: Exploring a new approach to elevate clinical education performance,” attendees engaged in meaningful discussion and inspired action through a broad range of speakers, presentations and interactive workshops.

Strategic look-ahead
The Education team released the 2024 Sunnybrook Education Strategic Plan refresh over the last fiscal year. “Lifelong learning” was added as a strategic direction to the existing focus on Learner Experience and Culture, Team-Based Learning, Patient as Educator and Education Research and Scholarship. The addition was based on the recognition that we need to continue to prioritize continuing education and professional development for staff to align with quality and patient safety, and also enhance staff engagement and retention.

“Sunnybrook is distinguished by its excellence in teaching and learning and its emphasis on inclusivity and belonging. The health centre’s education initiatives build on these strengths, supporting our education purpose to create quality learning for all in a world of growing change.”

− Dr. Ari Zaretsky, Vice President, Education
This past year, three scientists were awarded a Canada Research Chair, the country’s highest research honour: Dr. Iacovos Michael and Dr. Jesse Chao, scientists in Biological Sciences and the Odette Cancer Research Program, and Dr. Mark Chiew, a scientist in Physical Sciences and the Hurvitz Brain Sciences Program.

“Game-changing” approach to combat incurable neurological disorders garners $24 million

Scientists at SRI were awarded a $24 million Transformation Grant from the Government of Canada’s New Frontiers in Research Fund to develop a novel, interdisciplinary approach for disorders like Alzheimer’s, stroke and epilepsy. The grant involves a 24-member international team led by Dr. Carol Schuurmans, Senior Scientist in Biological Sciences and the Hurvitz Brain Sciences Program at SRI.

“In neurodegenerative disorders, neurons are damaged or destroyed, which can impact important functions like movement, speech, and cognition,” says Dr. Carol Schuurmans. “One way to repair the brain in disorders like Alzheimer’s or stroke might be to make new neurons out of existing cells, called glial cells, which are supportive in function and as prevalent in the brain as neurons.”

Multi-institutional research project tackles rare neuroendocrine tumours

A collaborative, multidisciplinary team of researchers from Sunnybrook Research Institute, University Health Network, and Queen’s University were awarded a $2.4 million Terry Fox New Frontiers Program Project Grant to discover new clinical tools and therapies to better detect and treat neuroendocrine tumours.

Medventions expands to Atlantic Canada

Medventions, Sunnybrook’s flagship fellowship training program in health technology innovation, launched its second site in Nova Scotia. The fellowship program is a four-month physician-led experience that teaches multidisciplinary teams of students and fellows how to advance patient care through technology. Through this new initiative, aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators from Atlantic Canada will gain hands-on entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial experiences in healthcare innovation and technology commercialization.

Sunnybrook ranked one of Canada’s Top 40 Research Hospitals for 2023

SRI increased its standing to ninth on the list of Canada’s Top 40 Research Hospitals, released by RE$EARCH Infosource Inc. Research spending totaled more than $128 million, an increase of 24.8 per cent from the previous year.
Wellness, Recruitment & Retention

Health human resources was again a focus over the last year, with the entire health system facing similar challenges, most notably in nursing. To fill in these gaps, teams at Sunnybrook are looking at new ways to provide safe, quality patient care, including embracing team-based models of care, and also looking at ways to ensure wellness and retention among teams.

Wellness in action
From pitching in to plant a community garden, to bringing in experts to guide staff, physicians, researchers, learners and volunteers in guided meditation, Sunnybrook continues to put wellness first. The Team Sunnybrook Community Garden launched, a collaboration between the Wellbeing Committee and the Green Task Force, featuring a therapeutic space at the Bayview campus for avid gardeners to unwind. Your Health Space, a free workplace mental health services for the province’s health care organizations, also provided virtual and in-person workshops.

Growing at Sunnybrook
Sunnybrook’s Human Resources team is committed to fostering professional growth and development. Twelve career pathways were developed to guide staff members through various career progression opportunities and pathways within the hospital. From research to infection prevention and control to patient flow, the pathways guide staff on steps to take from the point of entry in a profession to more advanced roles.

Sunnybrook makes strides with internationally educated nurses
Sunnybrook’s Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) Pathway helps to support cultural integration, language proficiency and skills development for these team members, with a dedicated group of interprofessional staff guiding and coaching those enrolled. Sunnybrook has over 170 internationally educated nurses currently on the pathway, and 136 people have been hired into nursing roles at the hospital. For participants, some of the highlights include career coaching, interview preparation, mentorship and language proficiency support.

Amy Son, a registered nurse in the Ross Tilley Burn Centre, received the 2023 Joan Lesmond Internationally Educated Nurse of the Year Award from the CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses. The award is presented to a registered nurse who has overcome challenges to achieve their Ontario nursing license.
Improving the Patient Experience

There are many things that can improve a patient’s experience while in hospital. From a helpful interaction with a volunteer, to a clinical advancement that minimizes side effects, it’s a wide spectrum that lets each patient know their care is in the best hands.

Halcyon machines at Odette

The addition of two Halcyon machines to the Odette Cancer Centre offer huge advances for cancer patients. With high-quality imaging built into the equipment, specially trained staff can deliver radiation more quickly, quietly and efficiently. The Halcyon machines allow cancers and tumours to be targeted more precisely, meaning side effects to healthy tissues are minimized. Sunnybrook now offers this treatment option to the highest number of patients in Ontario.

Treatment of advanced pancreatic cancer

Members of Sunnybrook's radiation team are delivering targeted and real-time treatment for eligible patients with pancreatic cancer on world-first technology. The MR-Linac machine combines radiation and high-resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). This allows specialized teams at the Odette Cancer Centre to target tumours and monitor their response to radiation with unprecedented precision, all thanks to the machine’s real-time MRI guidance.

BRAVE receives renewed funding

Sunnybrook’s Breaking the Cycle of Violence with Empathy (BRAVE) Program has received renewed funding from the City of Toronto to continue and expand its work. The program was developed at the hospital and launched in September 2020. It is the first of its kind at a Canadian trauma centre and promotes positive alternatives to violence in order to reduce retaliation, criminal involvement and re-injury among youth injured by violence.

Virtual care at St. John’s Rehab

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Outpatient (OP) department at St. John’s Rehab took bold steps to ensure continuity in patient care by implementing virtual care for stroke patients. As the world slowly returned to in-person appointments, the department embarked on a path to make virtual care a permanent fixture in their toolkit. This led to their recent recognition as a Leading Practice for Optimizing Virtual Care in Outpatient Rehab by Health Standards Organization.
Anti-racism and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Addressing systemic racism and ensuring inclusiveness for staff, patients and families, partners, volunteers and Sunnybrook’s communities continued to be a strong focus over the last year. The organization saw the establishment of a Jewish Community Advisory Committee, comprised of staff and physicians who identify as Jewish and interested in advising the organization on issues of Jewish heritage recognition and celebration, antisemitism and inclusion.

Dr. Mireille Norris’ achievements celebrated

Dr. Mireille Norris was awarded the Black Physicians of Canada Lifetime Achievement Award for her advocacy in addressing anti-black racism and promoting inclusion. Dr. Norris’ passion for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity is reflected in her participation on the Sunnybrook President Anti-Racist Task force, the launch of the Sunnybrook Program Accessing Research Knowledge for Black and Indigenous medical students and her collaboration with the Network for the Advancement of Black Learners.

Gender-inclusive washroom signage

To help create a safe and inclusive space for all patients, family members and staff, Sunnybrook began to identify gender-inclusive washrooms at the Bayview campus. The project was spearheaded by the 2SLGBTQIA+ Steering Committee and the Department of Equity and Social Accountability, in partnership with Corporate Planning & Development, and supports building an equitable, accessible, and inclusive environment for patients, families, community members, staff, physicians, learners and volunteers.

Gender, pronouns and chosen name added to patient registration system

Sunnybrook added new fields to its patient registration system, Quadramed, over the last year to include gender, preferred pronouns and chosen name. By asking and using someone’s pronouns and chosen name, respect is shown for their gender identity. Mismarking, misgendering or misusing pronouns can make people feel dismissed, invalidated and unsafe. The information collected feeds into the SunnyCare system, where users can check the identity banner to ensure they correctly use a patient’s pronouns and chosen name.

Anti-black racism e-learning module

All members of Team Sunnybrook were enrolled in an e-learning module, Introduction to Anti-Black Racism, a partnership with the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN) Anti-Racism leaders. The course touches on Black Canadian history, discusses why it’s important to focus on anti-Black racism and its impacts, and offers ways to work together to dismantle racism. To date, 2830 staff have completed the course.
Partnerships and System Improvement

Sunnybrook continued to prioritize maintaining and building new relationships with community care providers. The organization supported the work of the North Toronto Ontario Health Team as it strengthened ties with family physicians and other primary care providers, improving coordinated and seamless patient care.

Joining forces to address wait times for hip and knee surgery

Sunnybrook's Holland Centre came together with Michael Garron Hospital, Unity Health and Sinai Health to launch the Toronto Regional Arthroplasty Collaborative (TRAC). The partnership helps reduce wait times for hip and knee joint replacement surgery, or arthroplasty, in Ontario. By opening its operating room on weekends, the Holland Centre has been able to provide pre-scheduled access to orthopaedic surgeons from other TRAC partnering hospitals – which has increased the number of patients who can receive arthroplasty surgery and shorten waitlists.

TRAC receives patient referrals from across the Greater Toronto Area, and procedures are performed at the Holland Centre. As an established Centre of Excellence for hip and knee arthroplasty surgery, the Holland Centre is a North American leader in bone and joint care, education and research.

Funding to continue Virtual ED with University Health Network

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre is proud to be part of Toronto's Virtual Emergency Department (ED), a one-stop access point for virtual emergency care in the city. With renewed funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health, Toronto's Virtual ED will continue to offer virtual appointments with emergency department physicians from Sunnybrook and University Health Network. Focused on addressing acute but non-life-threatening issues, patients can book a same-day appointment to see a doctor through Zoom if they're unable to see their family doctor.

"Giving patients choice is what it’s all about. We want to care for people, when they need it, in the way that serves them best.”

- Dr. Justin Hall, Chief, Emergency Department

Primary care strategy in North Toronto

The North Toronto Ontario Health Team developed a strategy to address ongoing challenges in primary care. Mount Pleasant West was selected as a prioritized neighbourhood, with the health team to focus on improving access for local residents without a family physician. The hub will also support the training of the next generation of primary care providers.

Quick access to health and social services

The Ontario Health Teams in Toronto Region collaborated in the development of the Toronto Health and Social Services Directory. Sunnybrook, as a member of the North Toronto Ontario Health Team, supported the rollout of the directory, allowing residents to easily search and access health and social services in Toronto by visiting torontoservicedirectory.ca.
Digital Health Technology

Digital applications provide opportunities for patients, families and staff to efficiently tap into services, ultimately providing greater access to information. Over the past year, Sunnybrook looked ahead to a new Hospital Information System (HIS): a comprehensive and integrated software-based system managing all information flow, including clinical and administrative information.

Renew, Expand & Advance Clinical Health Informatics: Launch of Project REACH

A massive planning scheme saw 32 working groups, made up of over 250 team members, provided significant input on thousands of functional and clinical requirements for Sunnybrook’s new HIS. With a goal of transforming and modernizing the hospital’s HIS environment, the end of the fiscal year saw the organization close to selecting a final vendor. Critical to the success has been the information systems’ team, who have gained significant knowledge from working directly with clinicians on digitizing workflows over the years. The transition to a single HIS vendor will improve Sunnybrook’s ability to provide an integrated seamless care experience.

Virtual care continues

The Odette Cancer Centre is running 25 active virtual clinics, allowing health care teams to improve efficiency, patient flow and continuity of care. Four virtual coordinators assist in the management of the clinics, with feedback from patients very positive, and few technical issues reported. Serving a combination of new patients and follow-up appointments, with timing ranging from 10 to 45 minutes.

MyChart empowers patients

MyChart, the online tool and mobile application created by Sunnybrook which allows patients to create and manage their own personal health information, expanded to reach more Ontarians and implemented new features. Expansion included SE Health as a new partner site, as well as health teams within the Couchiching Ontario Health Team and Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team. MyChart Secure Messaging enables patients and delegates to easily communicate, with the ability to add attachments to a message. There is also an aggregated view of clinical information from all MyChart partner organizations for both patients and delegates.
TECHNOLOGY
MR-Linac treatments precisely target tumours in real time
ODETTE CANCER PROGRAM

DISCOVERIES
Taking on difficult-to-treat diseases and transforming care worldwide
SUNNYBROOK RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Sunnybrook Foundation raised $72.5 million in the past year and disbursed a record $81 million to the Hospital to support the hospital’s priorities. Teams throughout Sunnybrook played a critical role in this success.

Opening of the new Myron and Berna Garron Electrophysiology Suites

In late 2023, phase one of our improved EP suites, the Myron and Berna Garron Electrophysiology Suites, opened with the addition of a brand-new EP lab. Expanding the capacity of the EP lab will help better equip our teams to meet the cardiac needs of more patients across Ontario. The phase two renovation on the existing EP lab is underway. Together, these new suites will help reduce wait times and increase equity of access to cardiac ablations.

Closing the gap on funding for the new Peter Cipriano Centre for Seniors Health

Thanks to donor support and $4M in new commitments, a total of more than $22 million has been raised for the Peter Cipriano Centre for Seniors Health. Opening in early 2025, the centre will be a hub for seniors care providing comprehensive, coordinated and personalized services and resources to help seniors maintain their independence and well-being. Efforts are underway to raise the final funds for this project.

Launch of the Patient Experience Acceleration Fund

Projects funded through the Patient Experience Acceleration Fund will support staff-identified initiatives across Sunnybrook’s Odette Cancer Program that are designed to enhance the cancer care journey for patients and families. These initiatives range from policy improvements to research projects and the implementation of new tools and techniques that will play a crucial role in advancing the quality of cancer care.

Kilgour Legacy Society continues to grow

The Kilgour Legacy Society was founded to honour and celebrate individuals who have chosen to shape the future of health care by remembering Sunnybrook with a legacy gift. In FY23/24, 41 new members joined, bringing the total to 277 members. In committing to Sunnybrook and future generations, Kilgour Legacy Society members are making an extraordinary statement about their belief in Sunnybrook. Thanks to the generosity of members whose estates were realized, more than $7.2M was contributed this year.

This Place is Special

In October, Sunnybrook launched its new brand marketing campaign, *This Place is Special*, to raise awareness and build support for our world-leading teams and institution. This campaign is the culmination of a collaborative effort between Hospital and Foundation teams, and reflects the breadth and depth of the research, innovation and remarkable people that make Sunnybrook unique.

For the brain. From the heart.

Sunnybrook celebrated a generous a $10-million gift from Yuval and Lori Barzakay and their family to establish the Yuval & Lori Barzakay Brain Health Clinic in the Garry Hurvitz Brain Sciences Centre. The clinic will serve as a hub for specialized multidisciplinary outpatient treatment, allowing patients with a variety of brain disorders to receive the care they need from one coordinated location at Sunnybrook.
Our teams are constantly moving the medical needle forward. Leading work towards new approaches is keeping Sunnybrook at the forefront of innovation. Once again, teams in the Odette Cancer Centre and the Hurvitz Brain Sciences Program advanced the application of focused ultrasound technology. In a world first, they administered chemotherapy to pediatric patients with inoperable brain tumours. Advances were also made in administering the first of its kind gene therapy to patients born with genetic vision loss. Teams across the hospital collaborated to make sure patients could benefit from this innovative approach to vision restoration.

**Brother and sister receive gene therapy treatment for retinal issue**

When Michael and Cassidy VanOverbeek were growing up, daily life for the brother and sister was different than it was for their peers. Both have a rare and aggressive form of retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disease which causes progressive vision loss. By the time most patients with this condition reach adulthood, it is disabling.

Their lives were both turned around thanks to a ground-breaking gene therapy treatment called Luxturna, offered at Sunnybrook. Luxturna is the first and only pharmaceutical treatment to treat a type of retinitis pigmentosa known as Leber's congenital amaurosis, specifically one that is caused by mutations in the RPE65 gene. The drug helps replace the faulty gene with a healthy one to slow vision loss and restore some vision. Because the drug requires specialized handling at ultra-cold temperatures, a number of specialized teams across the hospital work together to bring this ground breaking gene therapy to patients.

**Sunnybrook partners with Sick Kids on new chemotherapy approach**

Researchers and physicians at Sunnybrook and The Hospital for Sick Children (Sick Kids) became the first in the world to use MRI-guided focused ultrasound to open the blood-brain barrier and deliver chemotherapy in Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), an aggressive and terminal pediatric brain tumour. A challenge for treatment of DIPG is the blood-brain barrier, a protective network of cells, which can prevent therapeutics from reaching areas in the brain. In this Phase I clinical trial, low-intensity focused ultrasound technology was successfully used to temporarily open the blood-brain barrier with the power of soundwaves, allowing drug treatment to cross and treat the brain tumour.

“This is the most exciting thing to come along in a generation. To talk to these patients after they’ve had their treatment and to hear their stories, it’s hard not to get emotional.”

- Dr. Peter Kertes, Sunnybrook ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal surgeon

“DIPG is a devastating pediatric brain tumour which is inoperable due to its location in the brainstem. Focused ultrasound is an innovative and non-invasive approach to more effectively delivering chemotherapy directly to the tumour. Our hope is that this continued research will bring us closer to enhancing treatments to help change the course of the disease.”

- Dr. Nir Lipsman, study co-principal investigator, neurosurgeon, and director of Sunnybrook’s Harquail Centre for Neuromodulation
Tory Trauma excellence

Sunnybrook’s Tory Trauma Program joined an elite class of trauma centres, becoming the first hospital outside of the United States to be officially verified (accredited) as a Level 1 trauma centre by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Obtaining this verification was a demanding and rigorous process rooted in meeting 350 evidence-based standards. Sunnybrook demonstrated excellence in all aspects of trauma care, with an emphasis on patient safety, quality, performance improvement, research and education. As an ACS-verified Level 1 trauma centre, Sunnybrook has proven it provides trauma care for every aspect of injury – from prevention through rehabilitation.

"This is a historic achievement in the Canadian trauma community and highlights our role not only as a strong leader in Ontario’s Trauma and Critical Care system, but in Canada. Our pursuit of ACS verification has undoubtedly made Sunnybrook’s trauma care better than ever and that is a standard our patients and province can rely on in their time of need."

- Dr. Andy Smith, President & CEO, Sunnybrook

CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM SUNNYBROOK!

Our Tory Trauma Program has been verified as a Level 1 trauma centre by the American College of Surgeons.