

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Lake of the Woods District Hospital Accredited with Exemplary Standing

Kenora, ON, November 28, 2023 – Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) is an accredited hospital and every four years it participates in an Accreditation Survey, which provides an opportunity to measure services against national standards for hospitals. A team of external Accreditation Canada surveyors was on-site in the hospital, October 16-20 of this year, talking to staff, physicians, board directors, community partners, volunteers, patients and families about our hospital and how we work together to offer safe, quality healthcare services.

We are extremely pleased to share that Accreditation Canada has provided notice that LWDH has been awarded "Accreditation with Exemplary Standing", the highest rating given by Accreditation Canada. Ray Racette, President and CEO explains "Achieving Exemplary Standing is a first for our hospital and a true achievement to be celebrated, particularly at this challenging post-pandemic period. It recognizes the incredibly hard work our entire hospital team has more than demonstrated, and our shared commitment to providing safe, high-quality health services to the region we serve. The strength of LWDH is our people, and this award is a testament to their collective efforts and talent".

Accreditation identifies what is being done well and what needs improvement. LWDH's goal is to provide the best possible care and service to our patients and clients to save and improve lives. This process allows LWDH to understand how to make the best use of our resources, increase efficiency, enhance quality and safety, and reduce risk.

A celebration for all LWDH staff and the community partners who participated in the survey will take place in the hospital on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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