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RE: Outpatient physiotherapy clinic closure

Dear Mr. Devitt:

I am writing this letter to petition you to keep Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH)'s outpatient physiotherapy clinic open. This clinic provides vital physiotherapy services to over 2,000 people in the East York region.

Keeping this clinic open provides many positive and valuable services to the community, including:

- TEGH out patient physiotherapy clinic currently provides free physiotherapy coverage to all patients of the fracture/orthopaedic clinic. This means that all members of the community who are treated at our local hospital for an injury that requires physiotherapy have access to this vital service.
- Physiotherapy is a key aspect of the rehabilitation process. Without physiotherapy patients are at the risk of not properly recovering from injury which will have short and long term implications for their health.
- If the TEGH physiotherapy clinic closes patients will have to attempt to make appointments with one of the OHIP run clinics or private clinics in the area that have no direct affiliation with TEGH or the Doctors/Surgeons at the hospital.
- If you do not qualify for OHIP coverage you must attempt to book with a private clinic and pay out of pocket or through private insurance. Private physiotherapy usually costs \$60.00-\$120.00 per visit.
- Only patients over the age of 65 or under the age of 19 qualify for the OHIP clinics, with only a few exceptions.
- OHIP clinics see many more patients then our clinic does and often require long waits and longer visiting times
- Physiotherapy is a vital aspect of the continuity of care. Without proper rehabilitation services, patients are at risk of reinjuring themselves that result in a return to the Hospital, increasing wait times and costing the health care system additional resources.

We, therefore, ask for your help to keep this clinic open. The people of this community rely on it.

Thank you.

Regards,