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Date: 13/08/2007  
To: Physicians and Managers, TOH  
Emergency Departments, Eastern Ontario  
From: Chris Wherrett, MD, FRCPC  
RE: The Ottawa Hospital Hyperbaric Unit Closure

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We regret that The Ottawa Hospital Hyperbaric Unit located at the General Campus will be closed during a period of construction of the Critical Care Wing. The closure will take place from August 17, 2007 until sometime in the Fall. This memo will be updated when an expected date of re-opening is known.

Emergency referrals can be made to the Toronto UHN Hyperbaric Unit at 416- 340- 3155, or through CitiCall at 1- 800- 668- 4357. Patients may be referred for non- emergency treatment to the Bank Medical Centre at 613- 521- 2391 extension 165.

We will not staff an office during the closure, however, we will respond to inquiries sent by fax to 613- 737- 8965. Patients referred to us for elective assessments will be seen when clinic facilities are available.

Please note that this unanticipated closure is the result of a change in the construction schedule. However, we are fortunate that a second chamber will be added when we re-open in our new location. The additional chamber will more than double our capacity to treat patients and improve access to our services.