

New program launched to ensure patient safety

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Jessie Caron-Arseneault, Dr. Grant Oyeye and Lynn Bujold announced on Feb. 8 that a new program for staff in the Obstetrics-Gynecology Unit at the Campbellton Regional Hospital will improve patient safety.

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A press conference at the Campbellton Regional Hospital on Feb. 8 served as a launch for a training program focusing on patient safety and professional development of staff members in the Obstetrics-Gynecology Unit.

MORE OB (Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiency) is a comprehensive performance improvement program for health professionals and managers working in hospital obstetrical units.

On hand for the announcement were hospital employees, including Jessie Caron-Arseneault, nurse manager of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Unit, along with Lynn Bujold, director of mother-child services, and

Dr. Grant Oyeye.

Caron-Arseneault, who has been the manager of the unit for about six years, said she's glad the new program is finally going to be put in place.

"I've been wanting to get this for five years," she said of the initiative. "This is going to provide better security and modernize communication between patients and staff. I am sure that Dr. (Armando) Voges would be happy with this announcement."

Dr. Voges, who for more than 40 years was a doctor on the unit, died two days prior to the announcement.

Oyeye said patient safety is the number one priority not just in the Obstetrics-Gynecology Unit but throughout the hospital.

"We are constantly striving to do the best we can for our patients," he said. "The journey of life begins at birth and we want this journey for the babies and their mothers to be safe for them and our staff."

He said with this new program, staff will be more efficient and patients will be safer with an expected fewer number of incidents taking place.

"There is no hierarchy when it comes to patient safety."

Caron-Arseneault explained how MORE OB works.

There are three modules that each of the staff members must take, each taking about 12 months to complete. Currently there are 22 registered nurses on the unit.

The MORE OB program has been available in Canada and the United States for more than 10 years. This three-year training program will be used to implement safe care procedures tailored to the needs and context of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Unit.

On average, there are about 200 babies born at the Campbellton Regional Hospital each year.

Caron-Arseneault said the average stay for a mother after delivering a baby vaginally is usually two days while those requiring a Caesarian section stay for about three days.

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