



## CENTRAL EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK ANNOUNCES FINALIST IN HEALTH CARE EXPO

*Lakeridge Health Corporation a Finalist For Celebrating Innovations In Health Care Award*

### NEWS

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The Lakeridge Health Corporation from the Central East Local Health Integration Network is amongst the 18 finalists for the 2008 Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Awards. Lakeridge Health is in contention for an award under the Innovations in Health Human Resources category.

The awards are part of an annual exposition held in recognition of achievement in health care innovation. The Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo, presented by Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, is an annual showcase of original initiatives that are driving innovation in Ontario's health care system and ultimately delivering better patient care.

Over three hundred organizations will be displaying their innovations at the Expo. Award winners will be announced at the Expo on April 22 in Toronto.

### QUOTES

"It is an honour for our LHIN to have Lakeridge Health recognized for innovation and leadership in health care," said Foster Loucks, Chair of the Central East LHIN Board of Directors.

"I am very proud of the achievements of this year's finalists" said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "Innovation is essential for enhancing Ontario's health system and is key to improving access to quality family health care for all."

"The success of the Rural Health Training Institute, and its recognition across Ontario, Canada and internationally, are beyond our expectations," said Marion Saunders, Chair of the Lakeridge Board of Trustees and a member of the Ontario Hospital Associations Small Rural and Northern Hospital Leadership Council.

"Students and high profile colleges and universities have been knocking on our doors for admission and seeking the expansion of our program. This is a testament to the commitment and quality of our staff and partners, and the extensive planning and consultation that went into the design of the Rural Health Training Institute (RHTI)," added Brian Lemon, CEO of Lakeridge Health.

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### QUICK FACTS

- The first Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo was held in 2006.
- This year, there were over 400 applications in six categories for the Innovations in Health Care Awards.

### LEARN MORE

Learn more about the winners and finalists for this year's [Innovations in Health Care Awards](#).

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