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Hello Everyone,

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) says, "Quality health care is about delivering the best and safest possible care to people every time they use the health system".

Here in the Women's Care Program, women of London and beyond are cared for by an Obstetrical Care team committed to delivering high quality care. Dr. Rob Gratton says that, "the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology supports a philosophy of normal childbirth, one where interventions are carefully weighed, well-thought out, and evidenced based".

This philosophy, and the regular monitoring and evaluation of clinical cases through the OB Quality of Care Committee, has produced tremendous results, which have received national recognition.

There are two indicators CIHI tracks and shares with Canadians as measures of Obstetrical Care:

- Low risk C-section rate
- Obstetrical Trauma with instrumentation

The LHSC OB team has the **lowest C-section rate in the country at 7.4%** (compared to the National Teaching Hospital Average of 13%), as well as a below-average trauma rate at 13.3% (compared to the National Teaching Hospital Average of 20.6%).

We will be sharing this amazing story with the broader community here at LHSC in the coming months. Thank you for all that you do to provide safe, high quality and exceptional patient care to women!

Sincerely,