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Bluewater Health Offers New Service: Keeping Care Closer to Home

SARNIA & PETROLIA – June 8, 2018 – Bluewater Health has launched a service to provide peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) lines. The hospital previously had only limited ability to provide this service and as a result patients may have traveled to London, Windsor and Chatham for this procedure. Physicians began offering the service to inpatients in March on a rotating call basis. A nurse-led outpatient clinic for PICC lines began the week of May 14, 2018, operating Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A PICC is a central venous access line inserted in the arm and used for long-term administration of medications such as chemotherapy or certain antibiotics that may be very damaging to the veins. In order to provide best practice care, Bluewater Health expanded this service with the acquisition of two new machines for ultrasound-guided insertion.

“Bluewater Health is committed to providing excellent local care, reducing the need for Sarnia-Lambton residents to drive elsewhere to receive essential care,” says Dr. Mike Haddad, Chief of Professional Staff. “With the advent of the PICC Clinic, some of our most ill patients, including those undergoing chemotherapy, can have more care delivery closer to home.”

Plans are being finalized for a similar service at the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital (CEEH) of Bluewater Health in Petrolia.

Bluewater Health, with locations in Sarnia and Petrolia, cares for the residents of Sarnia-Lambton. With close to 2,500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers, Bluewater Health provides an array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied health and ambulatory care services. Bluewater Health’s Mission is: *We create exemplary healthcare experiences with patients and families every time.* For more information about Bluewater Health, visit www.bluewaterhealth.ca or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

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