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## GRAND ROUNDS

### ER physicians and staff try to prepare for anything

On any given day RVH's emergency room physicians and nurses see a wide range of patients and can never predict what type of illness or severity of trauma will arrive through our doors next.

Dr. Kristian Davis, Medical Director for the RVH Emergency Department, feels the proactive mindset of RVH staff helps us manage approximately 25,000 patients annually. "We always want to improve," he states.

This involves our doctors and nursing staff keeping up with the latest advances in emergency health care practices through ongoing training and education sessions.

Often, these sessions take place on-site, as he points out with a recent initiative offered by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

Nine RVH physicians and seven registered nurses participated in TREKK (Translating Emergency Knowledge

for Kids) where they addressed everything from head injuries and concussions, to treating meningitis to fractures and procedural sedation with guest speaker Dr. Sarah Reid, an emergency physician at CHEO.

The opportunity to have these experts on hand helps the RVH team to review and keep up to date some of our more common and concerning issues when treating our patients.

Partnering with CHEO and professionals at The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) to expand their knowledge and update current practices has another important benefit to local patients, he explains:

"What we're really doing is building relationships and partnerships in order to provide optimal patient care."

The goal is to provide appropriate treatment in Renfrew and if needed, to transfer patients as seamlessly and quickly as possible, says Dr. Davis.



Dr. Kristian Davis with RVH ER nurses Tammy Holt, Angie Richard, Kimberly Dick, Karine Fortin, and Madeline Dunlop. Not seen in photograph is Laura Culligan, Organizer—ER Education.



RVH physicians attended the University of Ottawa's Faculty Development Roadshow that visited the RVH campus on November 7.