



Felicia Guarna appointed Director of Rehabilitation

I am pleased to welcome Felicia Guarna as Director of Rehabilitation for the *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux (CIUSSS) du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal*.

In this position, Ms. Guarna will be responsible for rehabilitation services in: short-stay institutions, CLSCs, intermediate resources and transition units for functional recuperation. She will also oversee physical disability programs, as well as teams working with patients who have intellectual disabilities and autism.

Most recently, Ms. Guarna served as Director of Rehabilitation at CSSS Cavendish. There, she implemented a continuum of rehabilitation services across the organization, including at the two hospitals (Richardson and Catherine Booth Hospitals), in home care and in long term care centres.

Prior to her time at CSSS Cavendish, Ms. Guarna held management positions in a number of rehabilitation organizations. Some of her notable accomplishments include leading the implementation of services connected with the organization's physical disability mandate, including Technical Aid services; as Multidisciplinary Director in a CSSS, playing advisory role for all multidisciplinary professionals, managing archives, admissions and reception services, and overseeing quality improvement and coordination for the Accreditation process; and being involved with Accreditation Canada as a national and international visitor.

"I am very proud to be part of our CIUSSS, and to be able to contribute to the development implementation of a range of rehabilitation services," says Ms. Guarna. "My goal is to harmonize processes and eliminate duplication for patients so along their trajectories through our network, they can easily access the information and services they need, when and where they need them. I look forward to leading the clinical rehabilitation teams and collaborating with the research groups within our CIUSSS to ensure our clinical interventions are evidence-based and offer the best possible health outcomes. I am confident that this will be just one piece of our many achievements to come."

Together with Ms. Guarna, the rest of the management team, and in partnership with all of the institutions in our network, I am eager to embark on this new era in health care. This range of rehabilitation services is important to the patients served by our CIUSSS, and I believe Ms. Guarna's contribution will be valuable. With her goal to make sure patients receive those services in the most appropriate establishments, and from specialized teams who are the best suited to meet their needs, she and her team will help us continue to place patients as the centre and focus of our efforts.

See the full list of appointments: <http://jgh.ca/en/CIUSSS-Administration>

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