



ANNOUNCEMENT

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West Park Assessment Centre and **Herrold & Vernon EvalWorks** are pleased to announce the development of a Strategic Alliance, designed to enhance their collective abilities to provide superior services to both existing and new customers.

Each of these organizations is regarded in the private healthcare industry as a leader in the provision of reliable and objective assessment services. Their combined resources in terms of geographic coverage and relationships with well-respected healthcare professionals enable a seamless, cost-effective and efficient service delivery model that will continue to meet and exceed the high standard of care set by the insurance industry.

This Alliance has no effect on the completely separate operations of these entities, nor does it imply any fiscal involvement between them. Each organization will continue to provide highly professional services to their respective customers and will be in a position to access greater resources with which to service all customers.

About Herrold & Vernon EvalWorks

In operation since 1994, Herrold & Vernon EvalWorks has responded to the changing needs of the insurance industry with each legislative change, and in doing so has maintained a consistent level of service provision that is unmatched in the industry. Our healthcare professionals are highly credentialed and trained to responsibly assess the rehabilitative needs of persons injured in motor vehicle and work-related accidents. We provide Occupational Therapy Assessments, Medical Examinations, Functional Ability Evaluations, and Vocational Assessments, in addition to a variety of new services that are consistent with changes to the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule that will become effective March 1, 2006.

About West Park Assessment Centre

In 1993, West Park Healthcare Centre (WPHC) was designated by the Ontario Insurance Commission (now FSCO) to operate a Designated Assessment Centre (DAC) specializing in Medical Rehabilitation and Attendant Care Assessments. In December 1996, the hospital created the West Park Assessment Centre (WPAC, or the Assessment Centre) to provide greater focus on establishing a presence in the Independent Assessment market. WPAC was established as a strategic business unit, providing objective third party assessments and opinions, primarily to automobile and disability insurers, as well as to the medico-legal community and disability management consultants.

WPAC is operated as a business unit under West Park Healthcare Enterprises (WPHE), a wholly owned division of WPHC, a publicly funded rehabilitation, long-term and complex continuing care centre. All profit from WPHE is used to support those initiatives that are important to West Park but are not funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, including, for example, education bursaries for staff.

Our **mission** is to be a recognized leader in providing a broad range of quality and cost-effective assessment services to our customers. As part of West Park Healthcare Centre, we contribute to its operations and mission of service to patients.

Our **core values** are:

Integrity: Our assessments are independent, honest and fair. They take into account all relevant information and avoid potential conflict of interest.

Customer Focus and Responsiveness: We are committed above all to providing premium customer service and timely, high quality reports.

Continual Improvement: We investigate, analyze and adopt best practices to continually enhance our service to our customers.

This Alliance allows us to expand our regional service coverage and to operate Assessment Centres in Barrie, Mississauga and Woodbridge. Durham Assessment Centre to open in the spring of 2006. This is in addition to each organizations' existing assessment locations.

West Park Assessment Centre and Herrold & Vernon Evalworks are looking forward to continued service excellence and invite you to contact us for more information at:

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