# Collective Agreement

between

Ontario Public Service Employees Union and its Local 659

## AND

Sudbury Regional Hospital Full Time

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## ATTACHMENTS:

Labour Adjustment Plan	dated: May 28, 1998
Letter of Understanding Re: Seniority, etc.	dated: August 18, 1998
Letter of Understanding Re: Amendments to Labour Adjustment Plan	dated: August 18, 1998
Letter of Understanding Re: Transfer	dated: August 18, 1998
Letter of <b>Und</b> erstanding Re: Intravenour Co-ordinators	dated: August 18, 1998
Letter of Understanding Re: Four (4) Hour Shifts	dated: June 23, 1999
Labour Board Order	dated: July 13, 1998

#### ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

1.01 The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish and maintain collective bargaining relations between the Hospital and the employees covered by this Agreement; to provide for on-going means of communication between the Union and the Hospital and the prompt disposition of grievances and the final settlement of disputes and to establish and maintain mutually satisfactory salaries, hours of work and other conditions of employment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

It *is* recognized that employees **wish** *to* work together with *the* Hospital to secure the best **possible** care **and** health protection *for* patients.

#### A - Scope and Recognition (Local)

- A -- 1 The Hospital recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all medical laboratory technologists and technicians, all radiology technologists and technicians, respiratory therapists and technicians, dietitians, pharmacy technicians, employed by Sudbury Regional Hospital Corporation in Sudbury, Ontario, save and except Manager or equivalent, and co-ordinators, supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, all other technical employees, persons regularly employed for not more than 24 hours per week, students employed during the school vacation period and persons covered by other subsisting collective agreements.
- A -- 2 For the purpose of clarity, the above clause reflects both the attached Memorandum of Agreement and the Labour Board order of July 15, 1998.

#### B -- Management Rights (Local)

The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive right and function of the Hospital subject to the terms of this Agreement:

- a) To direct the working forces, to hire, promote, demote, transfer, layoff, to discharge employees forjust cause, suspend or otherwise discipline employees subject to the use of the Grievance Procedure.
- b) Generally to manage the Hospital and all enferprises in which the Hospital is engaged.
- c) To maintain order, discipline and efficiency and to make and alter from time to time, rules and regulations to be observed not inconsistent with

the provisions of this Agreement.

It is agreed that the Hospital may exercise any of the rights, powers, and functions or authority which the Hospital has prior to the signing of this Agreement except those rights, powers, functions or authority which are specifically abridged or modified by the Agreement and these rights shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the express provisions of this Agreement.

Governmentsponsored programs may be made available to the Hospital from time to time, therefore, the Hospital may hire persons in accordance with the terms of such programs at a rate of pay stipulated by the program. Such persons shall not be included in the bargaining unit. The local Union President shall be notified when a program becomes available to the Hospital, its duration and the persons to be utilized. It is understood that there will be no reduction in bargaining unit hours as a result of such programs.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS**

2.01 Whenever the feminine pronoun *is* used in **this** Agreement, it includes the masculine pronoun and vice **versa** where the context **so** requires. Where the **singular is used**, it may **also be** deemed to mean plural **and** vice versa.

#### <u>C -- Definitions-- Full-time Employee (Local)</u>

## C -- 1 Regular Full-time Employee is an employee who has completed the probationary period and is regularly scheduled to work the normal standard work week.

#### ARTICLE 3 - NO DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT

- 3.01 The Hospital and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, intimidation, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced by any of their representatives with respect to any employee because of his membership or non-membership in the Union or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the Union or by reason of exercising his rights under the Collective Agreement.
- 3.02 It is agreed that there will be no discrimination by either party or by any *d* the employees covered by this Agreement on the **basis of** race, creed, colour, national **origin**, **sex**, marital status, age, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or any other factor which is not pertinent *to* the employment relationship.

3.03 Every employee who **b** covered **by this** agreement **has** a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

#### ARTICLE 4 - NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

4.01 The Union agrees there shall be **no strikes and** *the* Hospital agrees there shall be no lockouts **so long as this** Agreement continues to operate. The terms "**strike**" and **'lockout**" shall bear the meaning given them in the Ontario Labour Relations Act.

#### ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY (Dues Deduction)

5.01 The **Hospital** will deduct from each employee in the bargaining unit an amount equal to the regular monthly union dues designated by the Union. The amount of regular monthly dues shall be as certified to the Hospital by the Treasurer of the Union from time to time. The amounts so deducted shall be remitted by the Hospital to the Union's Director of Finance no later than the 15th of the month following the month in which such deductions were made. In consideration of the deducting and forwarding of union dues by the Hospital, the Union agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Hospital against any claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.

Each employer **agrees** to forward to OPSEU Central, on a one time **basis**, a master **list** of current bargaining unit members. *This* list shall include employee name, classification/job title, part time/full time status and if on leave of greater than thirty (30) days, and shall be provided no later than the **posting** of the second seniority **list** from date of ratification.

The above **list shall be** updated **by** providing changes on a monthly basis, in a manner that shall **be** determined by the Local Parties.

#### ARTICLE 6 - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

#### 6.01 <u>Union Stewards</u>

The Hospital agrees to recognize union stewards to be elected or appointed from amongst employees in the bargaining unit fur the purpose of handling grievances as provided under this Collective Agreement.

Union stewards have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Hospital and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, in the performance of his grievance duties, a union steward is required to enter an area within the Hospital in which he is not ordinarily **employed**, he shall report **his** presence to the supervisor in the area immediately upon entering it. When resuming **his** regular duties and responsibilities, such steward shall again report to **his** immediate supervisor. A union steward shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent in performing the above duties during **his** regular scheduled working hours.

#### 6.02 <u>Grievance Committee</u>

The Hospital will recognize a grievance committee **comprising** of members to be elected or appointed from the **bargaining** unit. One member shall be chairman. The purpose of the Committee is to deal with grievances as set out in this Collective Agreement.

#### 6.03 <u>Labour-Manasement Committee</u>

(a) The parties mutually agree that there are matters that would be beneficial if discussed at a Labour-Management Committee Meeting during the term of this Agreement. The Committee shall be comprised of an equal number of representatives of each party as mutually agreed and shall meet at a time and place mutually satisfactory. The Committee shall meet once every two (2) months, unless agreed otherwise. A request for a meeting hereunder will be made in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date proposed and accompanied by an agenda of matters proposed to be discussed. Where a Hospital has two or more agreements with OPSEU, then a joint committee shall represent all units unless otherwise agreed.

#### (b) Part Time Utilization Information

The Hospital agrees to **supply** the local union with part-time/full-time hours utilization by department, *at* the time specified *for* the posting of **seniority fists.** The Hospital further agrees to **supply** the Union, upon request, with other information that **is** reasonably related to utilization.

The parties may **discuss** part-time/full-time utilization through the Labour/Management Committee. The Hospital agrees to consider Union proposais for alternate distribution of hours between part-time and full-time. The Union recognizes the Hospital's right to determine such utilization.

- (c) <u>Professional Responsibility</u>
  - (i) The Parties have a mutual interest in the provision of quality patient care. Therefore, where an employee, or group of employees, covered by this agreement **and** governed by an Ontario College under the Health Disciplines **Act**, have Cause

to believe that they are being **asked** to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care it is agreed by *the* parties that **such workload problems** may be **discussed by** the local Labour Management Committee. Such complaint must be filed *in* writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment.

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if, after *a* thorough investigation, no consensus can be reached at Labour Management Committee the parties will meet with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/ Chief Operating Officer (COO) within thirty (30) days of referral to present the issues. The CEO/COO will notify the Union of the decision in writing within fourteen (14) days.

(ii) Where the employer requires employees who work in a classification for which there is a professional College under the RHPA, to also maintain membership in a professional association, the requirement for such membership may be the topic of local negotiations, as described in the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining.

#### (a) Negotiating Committee

The Hospital agrees to recognize *a* negotiating committee comprised of members to **be elected** or **appointed** from the bargaining unit. Where the Hospital participates in central bargaining, the purpose of the negotiating committee shall be to negotiate local **issues** as defined in this Collective **Agreement**. Where the Hospital **does** not participate in central bargaining, the **purpose** of the negotiating committee **shall be** to negotiate **a** renewal of **this** Collective Agreement. The Hospital agrees that the members of the negotiating committee **shall** suffer no **loss** of earnings for **time** spent **during** their regular **scheduled** working hours in attending negotiating **meetings** with the Hospital up to, and including, conciliation.

## (b) Pay for Central Negotiating Committee

Union Negotiating Committee members up to a maximum of seven (7) shall be paid for time lost from their normal straight time working hours at their regular rate of pay and without loss of leave credits for attending central negotiating meetings with the Hospital Central Negotiating Committee in direct negotiations up to and including conciliation. If the parties are unable to arrive at a negotiated collective agreement through either direct negotiations or conciliation, the Hospital agrees that members of the Union Negotiating Committee shall receive unpaid leave for purpose of attending arbitration hearings.

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#### 6.05 <u>List of Union Representatives</u>

The Union **agrees** to provide and maintain an up-to-date list of all Union Representatives (including Union Stewards, Union Executive, Grievance Committee, Labour/Management Committee and Negotiating Committee) to the Director of Human Resources or designate.

#### 6.06 <u>New Employee Interview</u>

All **new** employees will have the opportunity to meet with a representative of the Union in the employ of the Hospital for a period of up to 15 minutes during the employee's probationary period, without **loss** of regular earnings. The purpose of such meeting will be to acquaint the employee(s) with such representative of the Union and the collective agreement. These interviews will be scheduled in advance and may be arranged collectively or individually by the **Hospital**.

#### <u>D -- Representation and Committees (Local)</u>

#### **D**-- 1 Union Represenfation

a) The number of Stewards for each bargaining unit (full-time and part-time) shall be set ouf as follows:

Diagnostic Imaging	1
Pathology	1
Respiratory Therapy	1
Dieticians	1
Pharmacy	1

- b) Article 6 of the Collective Agreement shall be effective once the hospital is operating on one site.
- c) The parties may agree to additional stewards as required based on ensuring representation across the multiple sites of the HRSRH.

#### <u>D--2 Grievance Committee</u>

The Hospital will recognize a grievance committee comprising of three (3) members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit. One member shall be chairman. In addition, as requested by the local president or designee, the OPSEU staff representative can attend Step 3 grievance meetings.

#### **D--3** Negotiating Committee

The Hospital agrees to recognize a negotiating committee comprised of five (5) members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit In addition, as requested by the president or designee, the OPSEU staff representative can attend negotiation meetings with the Hospital.

#### D -- 4 Labour-Management Committee

The Hospital agrees to recognize a Labour-Management Committee comprised of six (6) members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit. In addition, as requested by the local president or designee, the OPSEU staff representative may attend meetings with the Hospital.

#### ARTICLE 7 - ACCIDENT PREVENTION - HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 7.01 The Hospital and the Union agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the Hospital in order *to* prevent accidents, injury and illness.
- 7.02 Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Accident Prevention Health and Safety Committee, at least one (1) representative selected or appointed by the Union from amongst bargaining unit employees.
- NOTE: Where there are multiple sites, the Local Parties are referred to Article 27 (Multi-site Language) to determine Local Applicability of Health & Safety Committee structure.
- 7.03 Such Committee **shall** identify potential dangers and **hazards**, institute means of improving health **and** safety programmes and recommend actions to **be** taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.
- 7.04 The Hospital agrees to co-operate reasonably in **providing** necessary information *to* enable the Committee to fulfil its functions.
- 7.05 Meetings **shall** be **held every second month** or more frequently at the call of the chair, if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and **make** the same available for **review**.
- 7.06 Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with 7.02 hereof, shall serve for a term of at least one (1) calendar year from the date of appointment. Time off for such representative(s) to attend meetings of the Accident Prevention B Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the foregoing, shalt be granted.

A member of a committee *is* entitled to:

- a) one hour or such longer period of time as the committee determines is necessary to prepare for each committee meeting;
- b) such time **as** is necessary to attend meetings of the committee; and
- c) such time as is necessary to carry out inspections and investigations contemplated under subsection 9(26), 9(27), and 9(31) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act R.S.O. 1990 as amended up to and including 1998.

A member of a committee shall be deemed to be at work during the times described above and the member's employer shall pay €hememberfor those times at the member's regular or premium rate as may be proper.

- 7.07 The Hospital will ensure that there is one (1) OPSEU member certified, as described in the Occupational Health and Safety Act R.S.O.1990, as amended up to and including 1998 among the OPSEU bargaining unit(s) at the Hospital. Such member will be selected or appointed by the Union. All issues relating to salary and costs associated with obtaining certification shall be in accordance with article 14.06.
- 7.08 The Union agrees *to* endeavour to obtain the full cooperation of its membership **in** the observation of **all** safety rules and practices.

#### 7.09 Hepatitis B Vaccine

Where the Hospital identifies high **risk** areas where employees are exposed to Hepatitis **B**, the Hospital will provide, at **no** cost to the employees, a Hepatitis **B** vaccine.

#### ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE & ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 8.01 Employees shall have the right, upon request, to the presence of a Union Steward at any stage of the grievance procedure, including the complaint stage, or at any time when formal discipline is imposed. The Hospital agrees that it will not discipline an employee without just cause. Where the Hospital deems it necessary to suspend or discharge an employee, the Hospital shall notify the Union, in writing, of such suspension or discharge.
- 8.02 For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as a difference arising between a member of the bargainingunit and the Hospital relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Agreement.

(1) It is the mutual desire *c* the parties hereto that complaints shall be adjusted as quickly as possible, and it is understood that an employee has no grievance until he has first given his immediate supervisor the opportunity of adjusting his complaint. Such complaint shall be discussed with his immediate supervisor within seven (7) calendar days from the event giving rise to the grievance, or from when the employee should have reasonably become aware of the event giving rise to the grievance. Failing settlement within seven (7) calendar days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within the seven (7) calendar days following his immediate supervisor's decision in the following manner and sequence:

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- (2) The employee must submit the grievance through the Local Union, signed by the grievor and the Local Union President, or designate, to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Hospital, or designate. The employee may be accompanied, if he so desires, by his union steward. The grievance shall identify the nature of the grievance, the remedy sought, and should specify the provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to have been violated.
- (3) The parties will have a period of **up** to thirty (30) calendar days from the date the grievance **is** filed to attempt to resolve *the* grievance, **and** in any case, to **provide** the Union with a formai written response setting out the Hospital's position on the matter.
- (4) During the thirty (30)day resolution period referred to above, the parties will attempt to resolve the matter(s) in dispute through a meeting or a series of meetings which shall involve the individuals with authority to resolve the grievance. In all cases, the meeting(s) shall include the Union Grievance Committee.
- (5) Prior to the initial meeting date being established, the parties will provide document disclosure on a without prejudice basis to each other, with the purpose of providing both parties with the opportunity to understand the grievance and to prepare for the resolution meeting(s).

In determining a date for the meeting the parties will consider:

- i) the time **needed** for research, consultation and preparation fur **the meeting(s) and**,
- ii) the time needed, after the meeting, and before the expiry of the thirty (30) day period, to conduct follow-up activities including the possibility of holding further meetings.

For these reasons the initial meeting will generally take place during the **middle** ten (10) days of the thirty (30) day period.

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- (6) In resolving the **dispute**, the parties will hold the meeting, and any other meetings **as** may **be** agreed, to **thoroughly consider** the grievance and attempt to find *a* resolution.. **The** governing principle will be that the parties have a mutual interest in their own solutions and **avoiding**, if at all **possible**, having the decision made by an arbitrator.
- (7) If the **parties** are unable to resolve the grievance, the Hospital will **provide the** Union with a **written** response to the grievance by the end of the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day following the **date** of the filing of the grievance.
- (8) The Union will then have a period of fourteen (14) calendar **days** from the date of the Hospital's response to determine if the response is acceptable, or will refer the matter to arbitration.
- (9) If the grievance is filed by the Hospital, the Union will provide a response by the end of the thirtieth (30")day following the date the grievance was filed. The Hospital will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the Union's response to determine if it will accept the Union's response or will refer the matter to arbitration.

#### 8.04 Policy Grievance

A grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Union concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at the level of the CEO within fourteen (14) calendar days following the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

It is expressly understood, however, that the provisions of this Article may not be used with respect to a grievance directly affecting an employee which he could have instituted himself and the regular grievance procedure shall not be thereby bypassed. Where the grievance is a Hospital grievance it shall be filed with the Local Union President or designate.

#### 8.05 <u>Group Grievance</u>

Where a number of employees have **identical** grievances and each one **would** be entitled to grieve separately, they may present a group grievance in writing through the Local Union, signed by each employee who is grieving and the Local Union **President**, or designate, to **the** CEO, or **his** designate, within fourteen (14) calendar **days** after **the** Circumstances giving **rise** to the grievance have **occurred**. The grievance shall then **be** treated in the manner as **set** out for **an individual** grievance.

#### 8.06 Discharge Grievance

The release of a probationary employee shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

The Hospital **agrees** that it will not discharge, without **just** cause, an employee **who** has completed **his** probationary period. A claim by an employee **who** has completed **his** probationary **period** that he has been unjustly **discharged** shall be treated as a grievance. Such grievance shall be **submitted** through the Local Union, **signed** by the grievor and the Local Union President, or designate, to the **CEO** of the Hospital, or designate within seven (7)calendar **days** after the date the **discharge is** effected. Such grievance may be settled by:

- (a) confirming the Hospital's action in **dismissing** the employee, or
- (b) reinstating the employee **with** or without **loss** of seniority **and** with or without full compensation for the time lost, or
- (c) any other arrangement which may be deemed just and equitable.
- 8.07 Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure, any grievance, including a question **as** to whether the grievance *is* arbitrable, may be submitted to arbitration **as** herein **provided**. If no written **request for** arbitration is received within fourteen (14) calendar **days** after the decision under the foregoing procedure **is** given, the grievance shall **be** deemed to have been abandoned.
- 8.08 **All** agreements reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Hospital, the representatives of the Union and the grievor(s) will be final and binding upon the parties.
- 8.09 When either party requests that any matter be **submitted** *to* arbitration *as* **provided** in this Article, ± shall make such request in writing addressed tu the other party to this Agreement, and *at* the same time appoint a nominee. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall appoint its nominee, provided however, that if such party fails *to* appoint its nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to make such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two nominees shall attempt to agree upon a Chair of the Arbitration Board. If they are unable to agree upon such a Chair within a period of fourteen (14) calendar days, they shalt then request *the* Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario to appoint a Chair.
- 8.10 **No person** may **be appointed as** an **arbitrator** who **has** been involved in an attempt to negotiate or **settle** the grievance, *except as* herein **provided**.
- 8.11 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the grievance procedure.

- 8.12 The Arbitration Board shall not **be** authorized to make any decision inconsistent with **the** provisions of **this** Agreement, or to alter, modify, add to or amend **any** part **of this** Agreement.
- 8.13 The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties. The decision of the majority, and where there *is* no majority, the decision of the Chair, will be final **and binding** upon the parties hereto and the employee(s).
- 8.14 Each of the parties will bear the expense of *its* nominee, and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses of the Chair of the Arbitration Board.
- 8.15 The time limits set out **in this** Article are mandatory and failure to comply strictly with such time limits, except **by the written** agreement of the parties, shall result in the grievance being deemed to have been abandoned.
- 8.16 The parties to **this** agreement **wish** to encourage the settlement of grievances **as** soon **as is possible** and, wherever possible, without resort to arbitration. For these reasons:
  - The parties are encouraged to take advantage of the process for mediation/arbitration as provided for in S. 50 of the <u>Labour Relations</u> <u>Act, 1995</u> (R.S.O. 1995 as amended) (the "Act").
  - 2. When the parties do not elect to **use** S. 50 of *the* Act in the period immediatelyfollowing the **referral** of a matter to arbitration, the parties will commence a period of review. During this time they will each seek informed opinion with respect *to* the matter **in** dispute and consider whether the issues involved are **such** that the assistance of a mediator, or some form of early intervention, may be helpful. It is **expected that this will** occur within the first **sixty** (60) calendar days foliowing referral of the matter to arbitration, avoiding the delay and **costs** that result from **this** process occurring immediately prior to an established hearing date.
- 8.17 Where "arbitration board" is referred to in the Agreement, the parties may mutually agree in writing to substitute a single arbitrator for the Arbitration Board at the time of reference to arbitration and the other provisions referring to arbitration board shall appropriately apply.
- 8.18 Notwithstandingthe time limits as set out herein, in the interest of bringing the matter to an expeditious conclusion, where the decision or response **is** provided **in less** than the number of **days** provided above, any subsequent response will measure from the receipt of the response.

#### ARTICLE 9 - LETTERS OF REPRIMAND AND ACCESS TO FILES

- 9.01 Any letter of reprimand or suspension will be removed from the record of an employee eighteen (18) months following the receipt by the employee of such letter or suspension provided that the employee's record has been discipline free for such eighteen (18) month period.
- 9.02 Each employee shall have reasonable access to his file for the purposes of reviewing any evaluations, fetters of counseling or formal disciplinary notations contained therein. Such review shall take place in the presence of the employer. A copy of the above documents will be provided to the employee on request. An employee is entitled to place a written response to letters of counseling in his file.

#### ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY AND SERVICE

#### 10.0 Probationary Period

Newly hired employees shall be considered to be on probation for a period of sixty (60)tours worked from date of last hire (450 hours of work for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day). If retained after the probationary period, the employee shall be credited with seniority from date of last hire. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary employee and the President of the Local Union or his designate, such probationary period may be extended.

It is understood and **agreed** that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty (60)tours (450 hours of work for employees whose **regular** hours of work are other than the standard work day) worked or **such lesser period as** may **be** agreed by **the parties**. The release of a probationary employee shall not **be** the **subject** of **a** grievance or arbitration.

#### 10.02 <u>Seniority List</u>

A seniority **list** will **be** maintained for each department. The Hospital shall **post such list** and provide the Union with a copy, indicating bargaining unit seniority, twice per year.

#### 10.03 <u>Seniority Accumulation</u>

- (a) Not applicable **to** full-time.
- (b) Full-time employees will accumulate seniority on the *basis* of their continuous **service** in the bargaining unit from the last date of hire, except **as** otherwise provided in the collective agreement or previous collective agreements. (The foregoing is **fur** clarity only and therefore

**does** not modify an employee's level of seniority under this collective agreement or **previous** collective agreements.)

(c) In the application of seniority, no employee's seniority date may predate their start date.

#### 10.04 <u>Transfer of Seniority</u>

Seniority shall be retained by an employee *in* the event he is transferred from full-time to part-time or vice versa. For the purposes of the application *of* seniority under the agreement but not for the **purposes** of service under any provisions of the agreement, an employee whose status is changed from full-time to part-time shall receive credit for his seniority on the basis of 1650 hours worked for each year of full-time seniority. For the purposes of service under any provisions of the agreement, an employee whose status is changed from full-time seniority. For the purposes of the application of seniority, under the agreement but not for the purposes of service under any provisions of the agreement, an employee whose status is changed from part-time to full-time shall receive credit for his seniority on the basis of one(1) year of seniority for each 1650 hours worked. Any time worked in excess of an equivalent shall be pro-rated at the time of transfer.

- NOTE: Those Hospital contracts currently with a lesser hourly requirement shall continue.
- 10.05 <u>Effect of Absence</u>
  - (a) (i) It **is** understood that during an approved unpaid absence not exceeding thirty (30) continuous **days** or any approved absence **paid by** the Hospital, both seniority and service will accrue.

During an unpaid absence exceeding thirty (30) continuous calendar days, credit for service for purposes of **salary** increments, vacation, **sick** leave, or any other benefit under any **provision** of the Collective Agreement or elsewhere, shall **be suspended**; the benefits concerned appropriately reduced on a pro rata **basis and** the employee's anniversary date **adjusted accordingly**.

In addition, the employee will become responsible fur full payment of subsidized employee benefits in which he is participating for the period of the absence. The employee may arrange with the Hospital to prepay the full premium of any applicable subsidized benefits in which he is participating during the period of leave in excess of thirty (30) continuous days to ensure continuing coverage.

It *is* further **understood** that during **such** absence, credit for seniority shall be **suspended** and not accrue during the period

of absence. Notwithstanding this provision, seniority shall accrue for a period of thirty (30) months if an employee's absence is due to disability resulting in WCB or LTD benefits.

- (ii) Notwithstanding Article 10.05 (a) (i), service and seniority will accrue fur a maximum period of seventeen (17) weeks if an employee's absence is due to a pregnancy leave, and for a maximum period of eighteen (18) weeks if an employee's absence is due to a parental leave. In addition, the Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums of the subsidized employee benefits in which the employee is participating for up to seventeen (17) weeks from the commencement of the leave while the employee is on pregnancy leave, and for up to eighteen (78) weeks from the commencement of the leave while the employee is on parental leave, unless the employee does not intend to pay her contributions.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to provide, in response to an employee's request, his service and/or anniversary date.

#### 10.06 Application of Seniority on Layoff and Recall

For purposes of layoff and recall, seniority shall operate on a departmentwide **basis**, i.e., laboratory, radiology or such other departments which exist in the **individual** hospitals where the employees are covered by this Agreement.

#### 10.07 Layoff and Recall Rights

Seniority lists and layoff and recall rights for full-time employees shall be separate from seniority lists and layoff and recall rights for part-time employees.

#### 10.08 Retention & Accumulation of Seniority on Transfer Outside Bargaining Unit

An employee who is transferred to *a* position outside the bargaining unit for:

- (a) a **period** of **less** than eighteen (18) months or **such** longer period as the parties may agree upon or;
- (b) a specific term of appointment, including temporarily replacing an employee outside the bargaining unit

shall retain **but** not accumulate seniority held at the time of transfer. In the event the employee is returned to a position *in* the bargaining unit within the time **periods** noted in (a) or (b) above he **shall be** credited with the seniority held *at the* time of transfer **and shall** resume accumulation from the date of *his* return to the bargaining unit.

#### 10.09 Loss of Service and Seniority

An employee shall lose all service and seniority and shall be deemed to have terminated if he:

- (a) leaves of *his* own accord;
- (b) **is** discharged and the discharge **is** not reversed through the grievance or arbitration procedure;
- (c) has been laid off without recall pursuant to Article 11.07 for twenty-four (24) months.
- (d) *is* absent from scheduled work for a period *d* three (3) or more consecutive working **days**, without notifying the Hospital of such absence **and providing** a reason satisfactory to the Hospital;
- (e) fails to return to work (subject to the provisions of (d)) upon termination of an authorized leave of absence without satisfactory reason or utilizes a leave of absence, without permission, for purposes other than that for which the leave was granted;
- (f) fails upon being notified of a recall to signify his intention to return within five (5) calendar days after he has received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Hospital and fails to report to work within ten (10) calendar days after he has received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties;
- (g) is absent due to illness or disability fur a period of thirty (30)months, unless he has less than six (6) months' service at the time the illness or disability commenced and is not eligible for long-term disability benefits. If the employee has less than six months' service at the time the illness or disability commenced and is not eligible for long-term disability benefits, this provision will apply after an absence equal to his length of service at the time the absence commenced.

#### <u>E -- Seniority (Local]</u>

E -- 1 Seniority is a principle of granting preference to employees for promotion, developmental opportunities, transfers, demotions, layoffs, and recall after layoffs, in accordance with length of accumulative service, but only when all other qualifications necessary to fill the requirement of the job are equal as shown in Article 13.06 hereof. Seniority means the relative ranking of the employees as determined by the respective length of accumulated service with the Hospital.

- E-- 2 Seniority lists shall be posted on March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> in each year. Once the list is posted, employees will have 15 days to identify inaccuracies, afterwhich time such lists as amended will be deemed to be correct The amended list shall be reposted on April 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E - 3 The Hospital agrees to recognize a seniority committee, comprised of two (2) members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit. If is understood that all matters relating to seniority shall be referred to this committee.

#### ARTICLE 11 - LAYOFF AND RECALL

- NOTE: Article 11 applies to Full-Time Employees only.
- 11.01 The Hospital and the Union agree to work jointly to minimize any adverse effects of a long term or permanent layoff (greater than thirteen (I3) weeks duration) on employees, and maximize creative approaches that meet the interests of both the Hospital and the employees. Accordingly, in the event of such a layoff the Hospital will:
  - (a) provide the Union with **no less** than 5 months notice.
  - (b) commencing at the time that notice is given to the Union, and prior to the giving of written notice to the employees if possible, jointly evaluate, plan and review:
    - the reason causing the layoff
    - the service the Hospital wilt undertake after the layoff

how the Hospital intends to effect the lay-off, including areas where layoffs wilt occur, and which employees will be laid off

- ways the Hospital can assist employees to find alternate employment.
- ways and means of avoiding or minimizing the impact, including:
  - identifying and reviewing possible alternatives to any action that the Hospital may propose taking;
  - < identifying and reviewing ways to address on-the-job retraining needs of employees;

< Identifying Contracting in opportunities.

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< Mapping bumping options for affected employees, to the extent **possible.** 

To allow the Labour Management Committee to carry out its mandated role under this Article, the Hospital will provide the Committee with pertinent financial and staffing information and with a copy of any reorganization plans which impact on the bargaining unit.

- 11.02 Any agreement between the Hospital and the Union resulting from the above review concerning the method of implementation will take precedence over the terms of this Agreement.
- 11.03 in the *event* of layoff, **the** Hospital shall lay off employees in the reverse order of their seniority within their classification, providing that those employees who remain on the **job have** the qualifications and ability to perform the work.

Employees shall be entitled to 3 months written notice of permanent or long term layoff. To assist the employee in this **process**, layoff notices will contain, where **possible**, specific information on **bumping** options. It is agreed and understood that Regulation 327, Section 7, of the <u>Employment</u> <u>Standards Act</u> applies. It is further agreed that notice to both the Union and the employees may run concurrently.

After receipt of such written notice, affected employees will have a period of up to seven (7) calendar days to indicate to the Hospital their choice d options as outlined below. The Hospital agrees to meet with the affected employee(s) within seven (7) calendar days after it has received written notification of the employee's choice of entitlement, in order to verify his/her choice or to discuss alternatives.

- Note: For purposes of layoff under Article 11, the clinical laboratory department would include the sub-disciplines of laboratory medicine. For purposes of layoff under this Article, a discipline is a service function within a department.
- 11.04 (I) An employee who is subject to permanent or long-term layoff shall have the following entitlements:

- (a) accept the layoff and be placed on a recall *list* for twenty-four
   (24) months from the date the actual layoff begins; or
- (b) accept the layoff, and thereafter, at the Employers option, receive pay in-lieu of notice and not be required to report for work during the notice period. It is agreed and understood that during €heperiod of notice the employee's wages and benefits will be maintained as if he/she were at work, and that his/her layoff will be deemed to have commenced at the end of the notice period.
- (c) the employee may **displace** an employee **who** has lesser bargaining unit seniority **and** who **is** the least senior employee within **his** or her classification, identical **paying** classification, or lower **paying** classification in **his** or her discipline or department, **if** the employee **originally** subject to layoff can perform the **duties** of the **least** senior employee within his or her **classification**, identical **paying** classification, or lower paying **classification** in **his** or her **discipline** or department without training other than orientation.
- (e) If the employee cannot displace an employee in his or her **discipline** or department, the employee may displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who *is* the feast senior employee in a tower or identical paying classification in another department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the **duties** of the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in another department that be duties of the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in another department.
- (2) An employee who is subject to layoff for a period not greater than thirteen weeks shall have the following entitlements:

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- (a) accept the layoff and be placed on a recall list for twenty-four (24) months. During this period of layoff the employee may elect to receive payment of some or all of his/her earned vacation credits up to a maximum of the period of the layoff. It is understood that his/her vacation bank and entitlement will be appropriately reduced for that vacation year; or
- (b) **displace** an employee within **his** or her classification who **has lesser** bargaining unit seniority and **who** is the least senior employee within **his** or her **classification**, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior in his or her classification in **his** or her **discipline** without training or orientation.

- (c) If the employee cannot displace an employee in (b), the employee may displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in his or her discipline, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in his or her discipline without training or orientation.
- 11.05 Where an employee **has his** or her shift cancelled, the employee shall not be entitled to displace another employee.
- An employee who **displaces** an employee *in* a lower paying classification **will** be placed on the salary **grid** of the lower classification consistent with the level he **would have** achieved in the lower classification **based** on his service **and** experience with the Hospital.
- 11.07 An employee shall have opportunity of recall from a layoff to an available opening in his or her former classification, or an equal or lower paying classification than the one from which the employee was originally laid off, in order of seniority, provided he/she has the qualifications and ability to perform *the* work, before such opening is filled on a regular basis under a job posting procedure. The posting procedure in the collective agreement shall not apply until the recall process has been completed. An employee who is recalled shall be credited with the seniority he/she had at the time of the layoff.
- 11.08 An employee recalled to work in a different classification from which he **was** laid off, or an employee who has **displaced** an employee in a lower classification shall be entitled to return to the position he held prior to the layoff **should** it become vacant within twenty-four **(24)** months of the layoff, provided that the employee remains qualified and able to perform the **duties** of **his** former position.

No new **employees shall be hired** until all **those** laid off have been given an opportunity to return to work and have **failed** to do **so**, *in* accordance with the **loss** of seniority provision, or have been found unable to perform the work available.

11.09 The Hospital shall notify the employee of recall opportunity by registered mail, addressed to the last address on record with the Hospital {which notification shall be deemed to be received on the fifth day following the date of mailing). The notification shall state the job to which the employee is eligible to be recalled and the date and time at which the employee shall report for work. The employee is solely responsible for his proper address being on record with the Hospital.

- 11.10 Where there **is** an available opening which has not been **filled** in accordance with Article **11.07**, an employee who **has** either accepted a layoff or is under notice of layoff and **is** unable to displace any other employee will **be** given an opportunity for on-the-job retraining of up to 6 months, subject to the staffing requirements of the **hospital**, if, with the **benefit** of such retraining, the employee could reasonably **be** expected to obtain the qualifications and ability to perform the work. Such opportunities will **be** provided in **order** of seniority. During the period of on-the-job retraining the recall period will continue to apply from the original **date** of layoff. If, following the period of on-the-job **retraining** the employee has not obtained the **qualifications** and ability to perform the work, the employee will be returned to the recall **list** or will be terminated in accordance with Article **10.09** (c).
- 11.11 In the event that an employee who has been laid off and is placed on a recall list is assigned, by the Hospital, ad hoc shins or to *a* temporary vacancy, she will retain, but not accumulate her seniority and service held at the time of layoff. Employees in such assignments will be treated as part-time. Where an employee is recalled pursuant to Article 11.06, she will receive credit for service and seniority for shifts worked under this provision. Any assignments under this provision will be offered on a voluntary basis.
- 11.12 (a) Local Human Resource Plans will apply to Health Services Restructuring Commission directives. In other circumstances, the balance of this Article will apply.
  - (b) Before **issuing** notice of **long** *term* layoff pursuant to Article 11.03, and following notice pursuant to Article 11.01 (a), the Hospital will make offers of early retirement allowance in accordance with the following conditions:
    - i) The Hospital will first make offers in order of seniority in the departments(s) and in classifications where layoffs would otherwise occur. The Hospital will offer the same number of early retirements as the number of lay-offs it would otherwise make.
    - ji) The Hospital will make offers to employees eligible for early retirement under the Hospital pension plan (including regular part-time, if applicable, whether or not they participate in the hospital pension plan).
    - iii) If no employees on the unit affected accept the offer, the Hospital will then **extend** the offer to other employees in the same classification **as** that being affected in the bargaining unit in order of seniority.

iv) The number of early retirements the Hospital approves will not exceed the number of employees in that classification who would otherwise be laid off.

An employee who elects an early retirement option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a retirementallowance of two (2)weeks' salary for each year of service, to a maximum ceiling of twenty-six (26) weeks' salary.

- (c) Where an employee has received individual notice of long term layoff under Article 11.03 such employee may resign and receive a separation allowance as follows:
  - Where an employee resigns effective within thirty (30)days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, she or he shall be entitled to a separation allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum of sixteen (16) weeks' pay, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation will be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.
  - Where an employee resigns effective later than thirty (30) days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, her or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks salary, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (1) months of resignation will be reimbursed *for* tuition *fees* up to a maximum of one thousand two hundred and fifty (\$1,250.00) dollars.
- Note: 11.12 (c) applies to employees whose 3 month notice *is* given on or after April 1, 2000.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

12.01 The Hospital undertakes to notify the Union in advance, so far as practicable, of any technological changes which the **Hospital has** decided to introduce which will significantly change the status of employees within the bargaining unit.

The Hospital agrees to **discuss** with the Union the effect of such technological changes on the employment status of employees and to consider practical **ways** and means of minimizing the adverse effect, if any, upon employees concerned.

Employees with one or more years of continuous service who are subject to lay-off under conditions referred to above, will be given notice of the impending change in employment status at the earliest reasonable time in keeping with the notification to the Union as set forth above and the requirements of the applicable legislation.

12.02 Where **new** or greater skills are required than are already **possessed by** affected employees **under** the present methods of operation, **such** employees shall be **given** *a* period of training, with due consideration being given to the employee's previous educational background, **during** which they may perfect or acquire the **skills** necessitated by the newer method of operation. The employer will assume the **cost** of tuition and travel. There shall be no reduction in wage or **salary** rates during the training **period** of any **such** employee. Training shall **be** given **during** the **hours** of **work** whenever possible and may **extend** for **up** to **six** months.

#### ARTICLE 13 - JOB POSTING. PROMOTION AND TRANSFER

13.01 Where a vacancy exists, or where the Hospital creates a new position in the bargaining unit, such vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) calendar days. Applications for such vacancies shall be made in writing within the seven (7) day period referenced herein.

Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital may fill at its own discretion vacancies caused by:

- (a) **illness;**
- (b) accident;
- (c) pregnancy **and** parental leaves of absence;
- (d) leave of absence not expected to exceed six (6) months;
- (e) vacation;
- (f) specific tasks not expected to exceed six (6) months.

In filling such temporary vacancies the Hospital **shall** consider employees who have **expressed** an interest, in writing, in filling such vacancies, on the **basis** of the selection criteria **as set** out in Article 13.06.

Employees in bargaining units at the Hospital represented by OPSEU selected to fill such temporary vacancies agree not to apply for other temporary positions while filling the temporary vacancy. Upon completion of the temporary vacancy, the bargaining unit employee will be returned to *his former* position. Such employees shall continue to accrue seniority while filling a temporary vacancy.

Employees newly hired to fill such temporary vacancy will not accrue seniority during the filling of such vacancy. If such employees successfully post into *a* permanent position within the bargaining unit, prior to the end of

the non-posted vacancy, they will be credited with seniority from their last date of hire. The release or **discharge** of such employee at the completion of the temporary vacancy shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

- 13.02 Notices of vacancies referred to in 13.01 shall include, for informational purposes: department, classification, qualifications.
- 13.03 A copy of the **posted** notice will be sent **to** the **local** President or his designate, within **the** aforementioned **seven** (7)calendar days.
- 13.04 The name of the **successful** applicant will be posted and a copy sent to the local President or his designate.
- 13.05 The **Hospital agrees** to **discuss** with unsuccessful **applicants** ways in which they can improve for future **postings**, if requested.
- 13.06 In filling posted vacancies the selection shall be made based on skill, ability, experience, and relevant qualifications of the applicants. Where these factors are relatively equal, bargaining unit seniority shall be the governing factor.
- 13.07 In matters of promotion and staff transfer, a successful bargaining unit applicant shall be allowed a trial period of up to sixty (60) days (450 hours for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) worked during which the Hospital wilt determine if the employee can satisfactorily perform the job. Within this period the employee may voluntarily return, or be returned by the Hospital, to the position formerly occupied, without loss of seniority. Should the employee return or be returned to his former job, the filling of subsequent vacancies will be reversed.
- 13.08 An employee who *is* promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining **unit** will be **placed** in the range of the higher rated classification so that he shall receive no less an increase in wage rate than the equivalent **cf** one **step** in the **wage** rate of **his previous** classification (**provided** that he **does** not **exceed** the wage rate of the classification to which he has been promoted).

The employee's anniversary date shall be adjusted.

- 13.09 An employee selected **as** a result of a posted vacancy need not be considered for a further vacancy for a period of up to **six** (6) months from his date of selection.
- 13.10 Where there are no **successful** applicants from within the bargaining unit for **posted** vacant **positions**, employees in other **OPSEU** Paramedical bargaining **units** at the Hospital will **be** considered for **such** staff **transfers** or promotions

prior to considering persons outside OPSEU Paramedical bargaining units at the Hospital. The employees eligible for consideration shall be limited to those employees who have applied fur the position in accordance with Article 13, and selection shall be made in accordance with Article 13.06. All provisions of Article 13 will apply to employees selected in accordance with this provision.

13.11 From time to time the jab **duties** or **scope of** a bargaining unit position(s) may change in **such a way as** to represent a developmental opportunity, a specialization, or a broadening of **duties** for **a** limited number of employees within a department (or appropriate work unit), without increasing the complement of employees in the department.

When this occurs, the Hospital **shall post** this opportunity in the form of an information notice in the relevant department(s) for a period of at least seven (7) calendar days. A copy of the **posted** notice will be sent to the Local President or designate within the aforementioned seven (7) calendar days. Employees wishing consideration for these opportunities must express their interest, in writing, within the 7 day period referenced herein.

The Hospital shall consider employees for these opportunities on the basis of skill, ability, relevant qualifications and seniority. Notwithstanding the above, the final decision for selection will be at the discretion of the Hospital.

*If* requested, the Hospital wilt **discuss** with unsuccessful **applicants** reasons why they were not chosen for the opportunity.

#### P -- Job Posting - Promotion and Transfers (Local)

P--1 Effectiveimmediately, all employees affected by a change of status i.e. new hires, promotions, demotions, developmental assignments etc. shall receive written notification that designates their term of employment, i.e. status, salary, duration etc.

#### ARTICLE 14 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- NOTE: The **provisions** of Article 14, **Leaves** of **Absence**, apply to full-time and regular part-time employees but do not apply to casual part-time employees.
- 14.01 <u>Personal Leave</u>

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Written requests for a personal leave of **absence** without pay will **be considered** on an **individual basis by** the employee's Department Head or **his** designate. Such requests are to **be submitted as** far in advance **as possible** and a written reply will be given. Such leave **shall** not **be** unreasonably withheld.

#### 14.02 <u>Union Business Leave</u>

#### (a) Local Union Business Leave

The **Hospital** agrees to grant leaves of absence without pay to local bargaining **unit** members for the purpose of attending Union seminars **and/or** attending to Union **business.** The cumulative total leave of **absence** will be **determined** locally, but **shall** not exceed forty (40) **days** per year per hospital.

The amount of notice required and the **number** of employees who may **be** absent at **any** one time **and** from **any** one area shall **be** determined locally **and will be set** out **in** the Local Provisions **Appendix.** 

(b) <u>Union Position Leave - F.T.</u>

When an employee is elected as the Union's President or First Vice-President (Provincially) the Union will immediately following such election advise the Employer of the name of the employee so elected. Leave of absence shall be granted from the employee's place of employment for the duration of the current term of office. The Union shall reimburse the Employer the amounts paid on behalf of the employee, including pay and benefits.

- (c) Where an individual of the bargaining units represented centrally by OPSEU is elected or appointed as an Executive Board Member, Executive Officer, member of the central negotiating committee, member of Medical Division Executive or as a Membership Development Trainee, such individual shall be granted leave of absence for the time off required to exercise the duties of such appointment. The notice requirements to obtain such time off shall be governed in accordance with the leave of absence policy and procedure of the affected Hospital. Such positions shall be limited to two (2) members from a Hospital with no more than one individual from within a section/division within a Department.
- (d) For leaves of absence without pay for Union business under the terms of this Agreement, including unpaid leave for members of the Central Negotiating Team, the employee's salary and applicable benefits will be maintained by the Hospital and the Union will reimburse the Hospital for the cost of salary and benefits. The Hospital will bill the Union and the Union will reimburse the Hospital within a reasonable period of time. In addition, there shall be no loss of seniority during such leaves of absence.

#### 14.03 <u>BereavementLeave</u>

Any employee who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement will be granted bereavement leave for up to three (3) consecutive scheduled working days off without loss of regular pay from regularly scheduled hours within the seven (7) calendar day period commencing three (3) calendar days prior to the day of the funeral cf a member of his immediate family.

Immediate family, for the **purposes** of this section, shall mean spouse, child, parent, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and grandparent of spouse. "Spouse" for the **purposes** of bereavement leave will include a partner of the same sex. The Hospital, in its discretion, may extend such leave with or without pay. Furthermore, where an employee does not qualify under the above-noted conditions, the Hospital may, nonetheless, grant a paid bereavement leave.

#### 14.04 Jury and Witness Duty

If an employee is requested to serve as a juror in any court of taw or *is* required by subpoena to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required to attend a coronets inquest in connection with a case concerning the Hospital, the employee shall not lose regular pay because of necessary absence from work due to such attendance, and shall not be required to work on the day of such duty, provided that the employee:

- (a) informs the Employer immediately upon being notified that the employee will be required to attend court or the coroner's inquest;
- (b) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance; and
- (c) promptly **repays** the Employer the amount (other than **expenses**) paid to the employee for such service as a juror or for attendance as such witness.

In addition to the foregoing, where an employee is required by subpoena to attend a Court of Law or Coroner's Inquest, in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the Hospital, on his regularly scheduled day off or during his regularly scheduled vacation, the Hospital will attempt to reschedule the employee's regular day off or vacation period, it being understood that any rescheduling shall not result in the payment of any premium pay. If the Hospital fails to reschedule such employees, the Hospital shall arrange lieu time off work for all days the employees would otherwise be off work had it not been for the attendance at Court or the Coroner's Inquest.

#### 14.05 (a) Pregnancy Leave

- (i) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this agreement.
- (ii) Effective on confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) plan, and retroactive to date of confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission, an employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this agreement and who is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the Employment Insurance Act, 1996, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between seventy-five per cent (75%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits during her leave and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Employment Insurance waiting **period**, and receipt **by** the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she **is** in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits, for a maximum period of 15 weeks for a pregnancy leave. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate or her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours.

This provision only **applies** to employees with **at** least 10 months of continuous service at the hospital prior to the commencement of the pregnancy leave.

The employee **does** not have any vested right except to receive payments for the covered unemployment period. The plan provides that payment in **respect** of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance **pay** benefits are not **reduced** or increased **by** payments received under *the* plan.

Note: Effective April 1, 2001, the SUB top-up level increases from 75% to 84%.

#### (iii) Transfer of Pregnant Employees

Pregnant employees may request to **be** transferred from their current **duties** if, in **the** professional opinion of the employee's physician the pregnancy may **be** at **risk.** If such a transfer **is** not feasible, the pregnant employee, if she so **requests**, will **be** granted an unpaid leave of absence before commencement of the current contractual maternity leave provisions.

#### (b) <u>Parental Leave</u>

- (i) Parental **leaves** will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment **Standards** Act, except where amended in **this** agreement.
- (ii) Effective on confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) plan, and retroactive to date of confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission, an employee who is on parental leave as provided under this agreement and who is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the Employment Insurance Act, 1996, shall be paid a supplemental That benefit will be equivalent to the unemployment benefit. difference between seventy-five per cent (75%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance parental benefits during her leave and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits, for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks for a parental leave. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the parental leave times her normal weekly hours.

This provision only applies to employees with at **least 10** months of continuous service at the hospital prior to the commencement of the parental leave.

The employee does not have any vested **right** *except* to receive payments for *the* covered unemployment **period.** The plan provides that payment in **respect** of guaranteed annual remuneration or in **respect d** deferred remuneration or severance pay **benefits** are not **reduced** or increased **by** payments received **under** the plan. Note: Effective **April** 1, 2001, the SUB top-up level increases from 75% to 84%.

(iii) Where an employee has become a natural father or has qualified to adopt a child and has at least 10 months of service at the commencement of his/her approved parental leave, such employee may be entitled to extend the parental leave up to an aggregate of six (6) months without pay. Such employee shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of their qualifying tu adopt, and shall request the leave of absence in writing upon receipt of confirmation

of the pending adoption. Such request for an extension of the parental leave shall not **be** unreasonably withheld.

It *is* understood that during any such extension of the parental leave, credit for service or seniority for the **purposes** of salary increments, vacations, **sick** leave, or any other benefits **under any** provisions of the collective agreement or elsewhere shall **be suspended** during **such** leave and the employee's anniversary date **adjusted** accordingly. In **addition**, the employee will become **responsible** for full payment of **subsidized** employee benefits in which he or **she is** participating for the **period** of the absence.

#### 14.06 <u>Education Leave</u>

Where the Hospital **directs** and the employee agrees to take an educational course to **upgrade** or acquire new employment qualifications **such** employee shall not lose **regular** pay because of necessary absence from work due to participation **in such** course. The **Hospital** shall pay the full cost of such course in **advance**. The Employee may **apply** to the Hospital **far** a reasonable advance to cover additional **costs associated** with the course.

#### 14.07 <u>Pre-Paid leave</u>

(For details on Pre-Paid Leave see Article 29.04)

# F-Leaves of Absence (Local)

# F--1 All leaves of absence granted by the Hospital shall be in writing and shall be for a limited and specified time.

# ARTICLE 15 - SICK LEAVE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY

15.01 The Hospital shall provide a short-term sick leave plan at least equivalent to that described in the 1992 Hospitals of Ontario Disability Income Plan (HOODIP) brochure.

Copies of the HOODIP brochure will be made available to employees upon request.

15.02 The Hospital will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium towards coverage of **eligible** employees under the long term **disability** plan (HOODIP or equivalent); employees **shall** pay **the** balance of the billed premiums through **payroll** deduction.

- 15.03 The Hospital further agrees to pay employees an amount equal to any loss of benefits **under** HOODIP fur the first *two* **days** of the fourth and subsequent **period** of **absence** in any calendar year.
- 15.04 Effective April 1, 2000, employees with 4 or more years service will be paid at the 100% benefit level for all incidences of absence covered by HOODIP.
- 15.05 Any dispute which may **arise** concerning an employee's entitlement to shortterm or long-term benefits under HOODIP may be subject to grievance and arbitration under the provisions of **this** Agreement.
- 15.06An employee who is absent from work as a result of an illness or injury sustained at work and who has been awaiting approval of a claim for Worker's Compensation for a period longer than one complete pay period may apply to the Hospital for payment equivalent to the lesser of the benefit the employee would receive from Workers' Compensation if the employee=s claim was approved, or the benefit to which the employee would be entitled under the short term sick portion of the disability income plan (HOODIP or equivalent plan). Payment will be provided only if the employee provides evidence of disability satisfactory to the **Hospital** and a written undertaking satisfactory to the Hospital that any payments will be refunded to the Hospital following final determination of the claim by **The Workers'** Compensation Board. If the claim for Workers' Compensation is not approved, the monies paid as an advance will be applied towards the benefits to which the employee would **be entitled** under the short term portion of the **disability** income plan. Any payment under this provision will continue for a maximum of fifteen (15) weeks.
- 15.07 Sick leave banks standing to the credit of an employee shall be utilized to supplement payment for sick leave days which would otherwise be paid at less than full wages, or for sick leave days at no wages.
- 15.08 Pay out *c* sick leave credits shall be made on termination of employment or, in the case of death, to the employee's estate. The amount of the payment shall be *a* cash settlement at the employee's then current salary rate for any unused sick credits to the maximum provided under the previous accumulating sick leave credit plan.
- 15.09 Where an employee, employed as of the effective date of the transfer to HOODIP or equivalent, did not have the required service to qualify for pay out on termination, he shall be entitled to the same pay out provisions as set out in Article 15.06 above, providing he subsequently achieves the necessary service to qualify for pay out under those provisions.
- 15.10 Where an employee, with accumulated sick leave credits remaining, is prevented from working for the Hospital because of an occupational illness or accident that is recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board as

compensable within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act the **Hospital, on application** from the employee, will **supplement** the **award** made **by** the Workers' Compensation Board for **loss** of **wages** to the employee **by such** amount that the award of the **Workers'** Compensation Board for **loss** of **wages**, together with **the** supplementation of the **Hospital**, **will** equal one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's net earnings to the limit of the employee's accumulated sick leave credits. Employees may utilize such sick leave credits while awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation.

15.1 The Hospital shall pay for such medical certificate(s) as it may require from time-to-time to certify an employee's illness or ability to return to work.

# G -- Sick Leave and Long Term Disability (Local)

- G -- 1 Employees shall immediately notify their department/unit when unable to be at work because of injury or illness.
- G -- 2 In calculating sick days, only those days on which the employee would have worked shall be counted,
- *G* -- 3 It is understood that no employee shall be required to divulge personal medical information to their directors, supervisors or their designees.

# ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK & OVERTIME

- 16.01 Work Week and Work Day
  - (a) The normal or standard work week shall be an average of thirty-seven and one-half (371/2) hours, with a normal or standard work day of seven and one-half (7 112) hours except in those Hospitals where agreements already provide a standard or normal work week of less than thirty-seven and one-half (371/2) hours per week and seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours per day. (Those Hospitals with the lesser required hours shall reflect in the salary rates a pro-rata lesser amount compared with salaries for other Hospitals based on the ratio that the standard or normal hours of work at the Hospital concerned are to thirty-seven and one-half (371/2) hours and shall appropriately reflect such hours in this Article).

The length of time over which the hours of work per week are to be averaged shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

(b) Not applicable to full-time.

(c) Where the Hospital and the Union agree, subject to the approval of the Ministry of **labour**, other arrangements regarding **hours** of work may **be** entered into between parties on a local **level with** respect to tours **beyond** the normal or **standard** work **day** in accordance with the provisions **set** out in **Article 25.01** of the collective agreement.

#### 16.02 <u>Rest Periods</u>

Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each half shift.

#### 16.03 <u>Overtime Definition</u>

Overtime **shall be** defined as being all hours worked in *excess* of the normal or standard work day, or in **excess** of the normal or standard work week. The overtime rate **shall be one and** one-half (1 1/22)**times** the regular straight time hourly rate of **pay**.

#### 16.04 <u>Overtime/Call Back Accumulation</u>

Where **an** employee has **worked** and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than overtime hours **related** to **paid holidays**) or has accumulated hours *for* Call Back **up** to a maximum, then **such** employee **shall** have the option of electing payment at the **applicable** overtime rate or time off equivalent **to the applicable** overtime rate (i.e. where applicable rate **b** one **and** one-half times, then time off shall be at one and one-half times). Where an employee chooses the latter option, **such** time off must **be** taken within the period set out in the Local Provisions **Appendix**, or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made. Further, such time off must **be** taken at a time **mutually** agreeable to the Hospital and employee.

#### 16.05 <u>I B</u>

if an employee is authorized to work, during the lunch break, due to the requirements of patient care, he will be paid time and one-half (1 1/2) his regular straight time hourly rate for all time worked in excess of his normal daily hours.

#### <u>H -- Hours of Work and Overtime (Local)</u>

- H -- 1 For the purposes of Article 16.01 (a) the averaging period for hours of work will be seventy-five (75) hours in a two (2) week pay period.
- H--2 Employees who work overtime which results in less than eight (8) hours rest after the completion of their overtime period and the commencement of their next regular shift, may take time off to enable them to have a full eight (8) hour rest period between such overtime

period and commencement of work on their regular shift.

- H--3 No full-time employee shall be scheduled more than three (3) weekends in a eight (8) week period.
- H--4 Employees shall not be scheduled to work more than 7 consecutive days without receiving 2 consecutive days off. Special scheduling arrangement may be considered with the agreement of the Union.
- H--5 No employee shall be required to be off on a regularly scheduled day of work in order io equalize any overtime worked, but this clause shall not prevent the Hospital from requiring an employee to be off on his next regularly scheduled shift, or part shift when the efficiency of the employee, in the opinion of the Hospital, may be impaired through excessive overtime work,
- H--6 As per Article 16.04, employees may accumulate overtime/callback hours in their lieu time bank. All hours in excess of three (3) days shall be paid out on a one hundred and twenty (120) day cycle.
- H---7 The minimum hours between the commencement of an employees' scheduled shift and the commencement of the employees' next scheduled shiftshall be twenty (20) hours.
- H--8 Normal scheduling conditions may be altered between the period of December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate special scheduling arrangement, subject to a meeting to review the same between the Union and the Hospital.
- H -- 9 "Tour and Standby schedules shall be posted in advance, except in cases of emergencies beyond the control of the Hospital, for a period of eight (8) weeks minimum. Any changes to an employees' posted schedule (except in an emergency) shall not be made without mutual agreement through direct communication with the person involved. The Hospital will give twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the cancellation of a scheduled shift, The schedules shall correlate with the Hospitals' pay period".
- H -- 10 Employees who work two(2) or more night shifts shall be scheduled of for a minimum of a thirty (30) hour period beginning from the completion of their last scheduled night shift and the commencement of their scheduled shift.
- H -- 11 Employees shall be allowed the trading of days off or of shifts with another employee of their own classification, subject to the approval of the immediate supervisor. Such mutual exchanges shall be in writing and shall not require the Hospital to pay overtime rate of pay, or any additional compensation not otherwise payable.

#### ARTICLE 17 - PREMIUM PAYMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION/MEAL ALLOWANCE

#### 17.01 <u>Standby</u>

An employee required to standby or remain available for call-back duty on other than regular scheduled hours shall be paid at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour of standby time. Where such standby falls on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement, the employee shall be paid at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per hour of standby time. Hours worked for call-back shalt be deducted from hours for which the employee receives standby pay. However, an employee shall be entitled to a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each eight hour period on standby even if called back to work.

#### 17.02 <u>Call Back</u>

An employee who **is** called to work after leaving the Hospital premises and **outside** of his regular scheduled hours, shall be paid a minimum of no less than two (2) hours' pay (except those Hospitals where 2 1/2 or 3 hours is applicable; such hospitals shall appropriately reflect the applicable hours in this article) at time and one-half (1 1/2) his regular straight time hourly rate for work performed on each call-in. In the event that such two (2) hour guarantee payment at time and one half (1 1/2) and his regular hourly rate for the remaining hours of his regular shift. The reference to leaving the Hospital premises referred to above will not be applicable where an employee remains in the Hospital on standby arrangement with the Hospital.

# 17.03 Shift Premium

An employee shall be paid a shift premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the evening shift and one dollar and twenty-five (\$1.25) cents for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the night shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. For purposes of this provision, the normal or standard evening and night shift each consist of 7.5 hours. For those hospitals with lesser required hours as provided for in Article 18.01, the length of the evening and night shift will be adjusted accordingly. Shift premium will not form part of the employee's straight time hourly rate.

#### 17.04 <u>Weekend Premium</u>

An employee shall be paid a weekend premium of one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) per hour for each hour worked between 2400 hours Friday to

2400 hours Sunday or such other 48 hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is in receipt of premium payment pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, he will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

#### 17.05 Meal Allowance

An employee who continues to work more than two (2) hours of overtime immediately following his scheduled hours of work, shall be provided with a meal voucher valued at a maximum of four dollars (\$4.00) or four dollars (\$4.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide a meal voucher.

# 17.06 Transportation Allowance

When an employee is required to travel to the Hospital, or to return to his home, **as** a **result** of being called back to work outside of **his** regularly scheduled hours, the **Hospital** will pay transportation **costs** either **by** taxi or **by his** own vehicle at the rate of (amounts to be determined locally and will be **set** out in the Local Provisions **Appendix**) or such greater amount that the Hospital may **in** its discretion determine for each trip. The employee will **provide** to the Hospital satisfactory proof of payment of such taxi fare.

#### 17.07 Responsibility Pay

Where an employee is assigned temporarily to perform the duties and assume the **responsibilities** of a higher paying classification in or out of the bargaining **unit**, for one full shift or more, he shall be paid a premium equal to the greater of his next  $\alpha$  last increment in his salary range for the duration of the assignment.

#### 17.08 <u>Time Off Between Shifts</u>

Failure to **provide** the minimum number of hours between the commencement of an employee's scheduled **shift** and *the* commencement of such **employee's** next scheduled **shift shall** result in payment of one **and** one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours which reduce the minimum hour **period**.

Where the minimum period *is* reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.

The minimum number of hours for purposes of this Article shall be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

# 17.09 Change of Schedule

Where an employee's schedule is changed by the Hospital with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice, she **shall** receive time **and** one-half (1 112) of her regular straight time hourly rate for **all** hours worked on her next shift.

# 17.10 <u>No Pyramiding</u>

Premium payment (including both overtime and holiday premium payment) shall be calculated and paid under one provision of this Agreement only, even though hours worked may be premium payment hours under more than one provision. In such circumstances the highest premium will be applied. The provision of this clause will not negate any entitlement to shift premium, call-back, standby, or weekend premium.

# <u>N -- Transportation</u>

- N -- 1 The Hospital will p ay transportation costs either by taxi or by his own vehicle at the rate of thirty cents (\$.30) per km to a maximum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per trip for call-back and the Hospital will pay the rate of thirty cents (\$.30) per km for assignments. Transportation expenses are to be submitted for payment on a monthly basis.
- N--2 Upon reporting to work, if the employee is required to work at more than one site in a day, the employer shall provide parking tokens, in the absence of the employee having purchased a parking card.

# ARTICLE 18 - PAID HOLIDAYS

- 18.01 The collective agreements shall provide twelve (12) paid holidays with appropriate payment to all employees who have completed twenty (20) days worked with the employer, provided that he fulfils the qualifying conditions, if any, set out in the respective collective agreements. It is understood that the **list** of paid holidays may include a combination of designated and non-designated days such as float days, anniversary days, and birthdays.
- 18.02 An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 112)his regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to Article 18.03. In addition, he will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of his regular straight time hourly rate of pay times seven and one-half (7 112)hours, except in those hospitals which have a standard work day of less than seven and one-half (71/2) hours in which case holiday pay will be based on the standard daily hours in that hospital. The scheduling of

lieu days **shall** be determined locally and shall be set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

- 18.03 Where the employee is required to work on a paid holiday for which he is paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) his regular straight time hourly rate and is required to work additional hours following the full shift on that day (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled tour for such employee) he shall receive two (2) times his regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked.
- 18.04 An employee who qualifies to receive pay *for* any holiday will not be entitled, in the event of **illness**, to receive **sick** pay in addition *to* holiday pay in respect of the **same day**.

# I -- Paid Holiday (Local)

New Year's Day Good Friday VictoriaDay Dominion Day August Civic Holiday 2 Floating Holidays Labour Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day Boxing Day Christmas Eve

The floating holidays shall have the following conditions applied.

- I -- 1a) The holiday shall be requested in writing by the employee and the answer will be given in writing as soon as practical,
- I -- 1b) Where there is competing requests between 2 or more employees as to the chosen date, seniority shall be the governing factor, subject to the efficient operation of the Hospital.
- I--2 If a paid holiday is observed on his/her regular day off, he/she shall be granted a lieu day off with pay to be taken within 120 days, on a date to be selected by mutual agreement or it shall be paid out at the prescribed rate.
- 1--3 In order to qualify forpayment œ any of the previous holidays, an employee is required to work his last regular shift immediately preceding the holiday and his nextregular shift immediately following the holiday, except where an employee is absent due to verified accident œ illness; such employee shall be paid the first œ the previously listed paid holidays which occurs during such absence.

# ARTICLE 19 - VACATIONS

19.01 Registered Technologist and higher classifications who have completed less than one (1) year of continuous service shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of 1.25 days per month for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of 6% of gross earnings.

Registered Technologist and higher classifications shall receive three (3) weeks vacation after one (1) year of continuous service, and four (4) weeks vacation after three (3) years of continuous service.

Employees below the Registered Technologist classification who have completed less than one (1) year of continuous service shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of .83 days per month for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of 4% of gross earnings.

Employees below Registered Technologist shall receive two (2) weeks vacation after one (1) year of continuous service, three (3) weeks vacation after two (2) years of continuous service and four (4) weeks vacation after five (5) years of continuous service.

All employees shall receive five (5) weeks vacation after fifteen (15) years of continuous service and six (6)weeks vacation aftertwenty-five (25) years of continuous service.

- NOTE: Employees hired prior to April 17, 1985 who are currently enjoying vacation benefits superior to those set out above shall continue to receive such superior **benefits**.
- 19.02 Where an employee's **scheduled** vacation *i* interrupted due to serious illness or injury which commenced prior to and continues into the scheduled vacation period, the period of such **illness shall** be **considered** sick leave.

Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to a serious illness requiring the employee to be an in-patient in a hospital, the period of such hospitalization shall be considered sick leave.

The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to .be sick leave under the above **provisions** will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

19.03 Should an employee terminate with less than two weeks notice of termination, the vacation pay requirements of the Employment Standards Act will apply.

# J -- Vacations (Local)

J -- 1 It is understood and agreed that the Hospital will grant employees in

accordance with seniority, preference in selecting their vacation periods but such option must be exercised without delay or be lost and of necessity the Hospital must reserve the final decision as to the scheduling of vacations.

- J -- 2 EffectiveMarch 1, 2001, only three (3) weeks vacation may be taken at any one time during the period of June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Exceptions may be granted by the supervisor if operationally feasible.
- J-3 Should a holiday fall during an employee's vacation period, then the employee shall be entitled to an extra day's vacation, This may be granted at the discretion of the Department Manager or his designee.
- J -- 4a Vacation entitlement shall be prorated on a bi-weekly basis and the available hours shall be recorded on each employee's pay stub. Generally, employees should be encouraged to fake vacation within a twelve (12) month period from the time it is earned. Exceptions will be allowed in extenuating circumstances with the written approval of the employee's Director.
- J -- 4b At no time can an employee accrue in excess of two (2) years of vacation entitlement.
- J-4c Upon implementation, employees, who currently have in excess of two (2) years of earned vacation must schedule, with their supervisor, to use the outstanding balance by December, 2001.
- J -- 5a Employees will submit requests for vacation by March 1st of each year. All vacation approvals will be posted by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, Unresolved conflicts between employees in the same unit requesting the same times will be decided on the basis of seniority. vacation requests made after March 1st will be granted on a first come first served basis.
- J--5b Vacations can be amended if there are changes to the schedule rotation pattern. Requests will be reviewed on a seniority basis.
- J -- 6 In the event of a temporary shutdown (closure:e.g. Christmas or summer) the employee shall have the option of using vacation allotment.

#### ARTICLE 20 - HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

20.01 The Hospital agrees to contribute towards the premium coverage of participating eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under

the insurance plans as set out in Article 20.01 subject to their respective terms and conditions including any enrolment requirements. For newly hired employees, coverage as set out in Article 20.01 shall be effective *the* first billing date in the month following the month in which the employee was first employed subject to any enrollment or other requirements of the Plan. In no instance shall the first billing date for an employee occur later than the first day of the fourth full month following the month in which the newly-hired employee was first employed:

#### (a) Semi-Private Hospital insurance

The Hospital **agrees** to **pay** seventy-five (75%) of the **billed** premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital **under** the Liberty Health Plan or **comparable** coverage with another carrier.

#### (b) Extended Health Care

The Hospital shall contribute on behalf of each eligible employee seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium under *the* Extended Health Care Plan (Liberty Health \$15-25 deductible plan including hearing aids with *a* maximum of \$300.00 per person and vision care with a maximum of \$150.00 every 24 months per person, or *its* equivalent) provided the balance of the monthly premium *is* paid by employees through payroll deduction. Any Hospital currently paying more than 75% of the premium shall continue to do so. The drug formulary shall be as defined by Liberty Health Formulary Three.

Note: The change of vision care maximum is effective April 1, 2001

(c) Dental

The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five percent (75%)of the **billed** premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the hospital under the Liberty Health Dental Plan #9 (or its equivalent) based on the current ODA fee schedule provided the balance of the monthly premiums are paid by the participating employees through payroll deduction. Employees will be enrolled in the *existing* Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Plan shall provide for recalloral examination to be covered once every 9 months.

Effective April 1, 2001, orthodontic coverage will be included for participating employees on a 50/50 co-insurance basis, with a lifetime maximum of \$1,000 per insured person.

#### (d) <u>Group Life Insurance</u>

The **Hospital** shall contribute one hundred percent (100%) toward the monthly premium of HOOGLIP or other equivalent group life insurance plan in effect for eligible full-time employees in the active employ of the Hospital on the eligibility conditions set out in the existing Agreements.

#### (e) <u>Same Sex Partner Coverage</u>

Coverage will be available to an employee and his or her same *sex* partner, and their dependants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plans.

#### 20.02 Change of Carrier

It is understood that the Employer may at any time substitute another carrier for any Plan (other than OHIP) provided the benefits are equivalent and are neither reduced or increased. The Employer shall provide to the Union full specifications of the benefit programs contracted *for* before implementation *of* any change.

#### 20.03 Pension

All present employees enrolled in the Hospital's Pension Plan shall maintain their enrollment in the Plan subject to **its terms and** conditions. **New** employees **and** employees employed **but** not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, **as a** condition of employment, enroll in **the** Plan when eligible in accordance with **its** terms and conditions.

#### 20.04 <u>Divisible Surplus</u>

The parties agree that any surplus, credits, refunds or reimbursements excluding sick leave and/or pension credits, under whatever name accrue to and for the benefit of the Hospital.

#### 20.05 Not Applicable to Full-Time

#### 20.06 Benefits on Lav-off

Effective for employees whose actual lay-off date is April 1, 2000 or after, such employees are entitled to the Extended Health and Dental benefits. Employees will be able to buy those benefits at 100% employee cost, The employee will be responsible for making appropriate arrangements with the Hospital for payment of both the employer and employee portions of the premium costs. The employee will be able to access these benefits for a maximum of 12 months from the date of their actual lay-off.

# 20.07 <u>Benefits on Sick leave</u>

Effective for **absences beginning** on or after **April 1**, 2000, the Hospital will pay the **employer** portion **of** the benefit premiums while an **employee is on** sick leave, including the EI period prior to the commencement of long term disability and LTD, to a maximum of 30 months from the date the absence began.

# K --- Health and Welfare Benefits (Local)

- K -- 1 if an employee is not receiving any salary or other remuneration from the Hospital, then the contribution shall be made by the employee, however, where the employee is on an approved leave of absence, he may participate in any or all of the above plans by contributing the full premiums in advance, subject to the maximum restrictions presently in force in the Ontario Hospital Association Group Life insurance Plan.
- K -- 2 Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital will continue to pay the employer portion of the premium payments while an employee is on E1. prior to the commencement of Long Term Disability and while on LTD, to a maximum of 30 months from the date the absence began. Thisprovision is effective for persons whose absence begins on or after April 1, 2000.
- K-3 Benefits on Layoff, to a maximum period of twelve (72) months. The Benefits offered will be Extended Health and Dental. This provision is effective for employees whose actual layoff date is on or after April 1, 2000. The employee will be responsible for making appropriate arrangements with the Hospital for payment of both the employee and employee portions of the premium costs.

# ARTICLE 21 - MODIFIED WORK

- 21.01 In order to facilitate a **safe** return to work, in compliance with the *Workplace* Safety and Insurance Act, the Ontario Human Rights Code, the collective agreement and other **applicable** legislation, the parties will endeavour to provide fair **and consistent** practices to accommodate employees who are ill, injured or permanently **disabled**.
- 21.02 Where the Hospital and the Union agree, the Hospital may implement modified/rehabilitative work programs in order to assist employees returning to work following illness or injury. To facilitate these programs, it is understood and agreed that provisions of the collective agreement may, where agreed, be varied. The specific terms of the program will be signed by the Hospital and the Union.

# ARTICLE 22 - CONTRACTING OUT

22.01 The Hospital shall not contract out work currently performed by members of this bargaining unit if, as a result of such contracting out, a layoff of any bargaining unit employees occurs. This clause will not apply *in* circumstances where the Hospital no longer provides particular services as a result of *the* rationalization or sharing of services between Hospitals in a particular geographic district, or as a result of the withdrawal of the Hospital's license *to* perform such services.

#### ARTICLE 23 - WORK OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

23.01 Supervisors or Managers excluded from the bargaining unit shall not perform duties normally **perfumed by** members in the bargaining unit which shall directly **cause** or **result** in the layoff, **loss** of seniority or service or reduction in benefits to members in the bargaining unit.

# ARTICLE 24 - CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 24.01 The Hospital and the Union **recognize** that continuing education *is* important for all employees **and** that they have shared **interests and** responsibilities in ensuring equitable access to it. Therefore:
  - (i) The Local Parties will endeavour to maximize internal opportunities for training and development which may include but are not limited to: lunch hour programs, guest lecturers, trained employees training other employees, teleconferences, and access to in-house programs/seminars.
  - (ii) Continuing education opportunities will be communicated within the department(s). Where access to an opportunity is limited, the Hospital will identify pertinent selection criteria, terms of payment, etc. Decisions about continuing education opportunities will be made at the departmental level within the context of employee, Hospital, and department/program needs.
  - (iii) Where the employee requests it, the Hospital and the employee will jointly create an Annual Development Plan outlining continuing education goals and objectives.
  - (iv) In the event of dissatisfaction with the way in which continuing education decisions are made at the departmental level, the issue will be considered by a continuing education sub-committee of the Labour Management Committee. This su6-committee will consider opportunities, employee needs, Hospital needs and

department/program requirements. The sub-committee may make recommendation(s) to the Hospital.

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# ARTICLE 25 - COMPENSATION

- 25.01When a new classification in the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, or the Hospital makes a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification, the Hospital shall advise the Union of such new or substantially changed classification and the rate of pay which is established. If so requested within thirty (30) calendar days of such advice, the Hospital agrees to meet with €heUnion to permit the Union to make representations with respect to the appropriate rate of pay, providing any such meetings shall not delay the implementation of the new or substantially changed classification. Where the Union challenges the rate established by the Hospital and the matter is not resolved following the meeting with the Union, the matter may be referred to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration provisions contained in this collective agreement, it being understood that any arbitration **board shall** be limited to **establishing** an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing among other classifications within the Hospitals (which are covered by the O'Shea award) and the duties and responsibilities involved. It is further understood and agreed that when determining the appropriate rate, primacy must be given to the relationship between job classifications covered by this collective agreement and that such relativity must he maintained. Each change in the rate established by the **Hospital** either through meetings with the Union or by a Board of Arbitration shall be retroactive from the time at which the new or substantially changed classification was first filled.
- 25.02 Claim for recent related experience, if any, shall be made in writing by the employee *at* the time of hiring on the application for employment form or otherwise. The employee shall cooperate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience. The Hospital will credit the employee with one increment on the salary scale for every two years of recent, related, full-time experience, as determined by the Hospital, *to* a maximum of two increment levels below the maximum of the salary scale.
- 25.03 Wage grids for those job classifications not covered by the Central wage grids are an appropriate subject matter for Local Negotiations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those non-standard job classifications will receive general wage increases in accordance with the centrally negotiated agreement.

# L -- Compensation (Local)

L – 1 The Hospital is free to grant merit increases in addition to the maximum stated in the above schedules.

#### ARTICLE 26 - SUPERIOR BENEFITS

- 26.01 The Central Parties wish to encourage non-Participating Hospitals and Bargaining Units to join the central OPSEU and Participating Hospitals bargaining process. Therefore, the parties agree:
  - a) Each of the Local Parties can retain up to three (3)conditions that exist in their current collective agreement that either party considers to be superior to the current Central Agreement. The parties will negotiate which items may be kept as Superior Conditions. Term may not be retained as a Superior Condition.
    - b) Should the Local Parties agree that wages is one of the Superior Conditions to be protected under this article, they **must also address** how future Centrally Negotiated wage increases apply to the Local Parties' Agreement. This determination of **applicability** of Centrally Negotiated future wage increases **must be** dealt with in these negotiations.
  - 2) The Local Parties must agree to adapt Central Language in their collective agreement, with the exception of the agreed upon Superior **Conditions (see 1** above).
  - 3) The Superior Conditions will remain in force for a maximum **period** of the duration *of* the two Central Agreement terms following the expiry of the Central Agreement in force at the time that the Local Parties joined the Central Process.
  - 4) The Local Parties have only one opportunity to join the Central **Process with** the protection of these Superior Conditions. Should they leave the Central **Process and** later rejoin, **they** will not have access to the same opportunity.
- 26.02 Existing **rights**, privileges, practices, terms or conditions of employment which may **be considered** to **be** superior to those contained herein **shall** be deemed not to continue in effect **unless** specifically retained by **this** agreement.

#### ARTICLE 27 - MULTI-SITE ISSUES

27.01 Where multi-sitellocationoperations currently *exist*, or are anticipated, either party may bring forward issues *for*iocal bargaining in accordance with the Memorandum of **Conditions** for Joint Bargaining. Where *a* new multi-site or location operation arises after the signing of the collective agreement, at the request of either party, the parties will enter into negotiations *to* effect an agreement to **address** multi-sitellacation **issues**.

Such an agreement may encompass **issues** that have traditionally been **deemed** to **be** Central, subject *to* approval **by** the Central Parties, The **issues** appropriate for local negotiation may include, but are not **restricted tu:** the process **used** to determine **who** works where **and** when, transportation allowance, **cost** of transportation (including parking), travel time, definition of headquarters, job posting procedure, health and safety, union committees, **standby**, call **back**, and scheduling. The Local Parties may **wish** *to* **use** the Flexible Tours Model Agreement to **address** Hours of *Work*. **Issues** that are not appropriate **fur** local negotiation are: Layoff **and** Recall, Hours of Work and Overtime **(unless amended through** the **Model** Agreement with respect to **Innovative Scheduling/Flexible** Scheduling Agreement).

Where the Local Parties are unable to negotiate an agreement on language that **modifies** central **issues**, the Central Parties **will be invited** to provide assistance. Where **assistance** from the Centra! Parties **does** not result in an agreement, **and** where the outstanding **issues** are only local in nature, the **dispute** will be resolved by mediation/arbitration. Where the matters in **dispute** are Central **in** nature, the manner of **dispute** resolution will **be** determined by the Central Parties.

#### ARTICLE 28 - JOB REGISTRY

A Central Repository of Job Openings in Participating Hospitals will be maintained and updated by OPSEU and posted or its Web Site. The Participating Hospitals will inform OPSEU, by way of e-mail or fax, of these job opportunities at the same time as they are posted at the hospital. This information will include the job requirements so employees viewing the listing can ascertain whether or not to make application. OPSEU members who are on lay off, or are in receipt of notice of layoff may apply to those vacancies.

These applications will be **considered** after the normal **job** posting procedure has **been** completed and no internal applicant has **been** selected.

If such an employee who applies through this process is selected, and accepts the position, such employee will transfer his accumulated service to the receiving Hospital for the **purposes** of placement on the wage grid and for vacation entitlement only. Placement on the wage or vacation grid means that the employee shall be placed at the same step in the grid the employee held in his previous position and shall progress through the grid thereafter on the basis of his service date from his former Hospital. It is understood that service for the purposes of determining seniority, and notice/severance under the Employment Standards Act, will be based upon the first day of employment with the receiving Hospital and will be governed by the terms of the receiving Hospital's collective agreement.

An employee changing Hospitals under this provision will be subject to the normal probationary period as outlined in the hiring Hospital's collective agreement (Article 10.01). During this probationary period the employee retains any right of recall he might have to his former Hospital. If for any reason the new employment relationship ceases during the probationary period the employee will return to his former status as a laid off employee of the former Hospital.

After the successful completion of the probationary period the employee forfeits any right of recall to his former Hospital. Any monies that may be owing to the employee as *a* result of his termination from his former place of employment will be the responsibility of the former Hospital.

# ARTICLE 29 - MODEL SCHEDULING AGREEMENTS and PRE-PAID LEAVE

# 29.01 <u>Extended Tours</u>

Where the Hospital and the Union agree, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Labour, other arrangements regarding hours of work may be entered into between the parties on *a* local level with respect to tours beyond the normal **c** standard work day. The model agreement with respect to extended tour arrangements is set out below:

# MODELAGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO EXTENDED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

# Between: The Hospital -

# And: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (and its Local)

# Article 1 - Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

#### Article 2 - Hours of Work

- 2.1 The normal or standard extended work day shall be <u>hours</u> per day.
- 2.2 (Detailed description with **an** attached schedule where appropriate.)
- 2.3 Failure to provide (\_\_\_) hours between the commencement **d** an employee's **scheduled shift** and the commencement of such employee's next scheduled

**shift** shall **result** in payment *of* one and one-half (12) **times** the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those **hours** which reduce the (\_\_) hour period.

Where the (\_\_) hour period is reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.

# Article 3 - Overtime

- 3.01 Overtime shall be defined as being all hours worked in excess of the normal or standard extended work day, as set out in Article 2.1 of the Model Agreement or in excess of the normal or standard work week as set out in Article 16.01 of the collective agreement.
- 3.02 For **purposes** of overtime the hours of work per week shall be averaged over \_\_\_\_\_weeks.

Article 4 - Rest Periods

4.01 Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the **basis** of **15** minutes for each 3.75 hours worked.

Article 5 - Meal Periods

5.01 (The length of the meal period to **be** determined locally.)

Article 6 - Sick Leave and Long-Term Disability

(Applicable to Full-Time Employees Only)

6.01 The short-term **sick** leave plan **will** provide payment for the number of hours of absence according to the **scheduled** tour to a total of 562.5 hours. All other **provisions** of the **existing** plan **shall** apply mutatis mutandis.

<u>Article 7 - Paid Holidays</u> (Applicable to Full-Time Employees Only)

- 7.01 **Holiday** pay will **be computed** on the **basis** of the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay **times** the number of hours for a normal or standard work **day** as set out in **Article** 16.01 (a).
- 7.02 An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (12) his regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to Article 18.03. In addition, he will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of his regular straight time hourly rate of pay times seven and

one-half (72)hours, except in those hospitals which have a standard work day of less than seven and one-half (72) hours in which case holiday pay will be based on the standard daily hours in that hospital.

#### Article 8 - Vacation

8.01 Vacation entitlement as set out in Article 19.01 (a) will be converted to hours on the basis of the employee's normal work week.

# Article 9 - Local Provisions

(Local provisions related to extended **tours** are to be set out in **this Article** and numbered in sequence.)

<u>Term</u>

This Agreement shall be (Specify Term).

Either party may, on written notice of (days, weeks) to the other party, terminate this Agreement notwithstanding the above specified term.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_.

For the Union

For the Hospital

# 29.02 Innovative/Flexible Scheduling

Where the **Hospital** and the Union agree, arrangements regarding Innovative Scheduling/Flexible Scheduling may **be** entered into between the parties on a local **level.** The model agreement with respect to **such** scheduling arrangements *is* set out below:

# MODEL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO INNOVATIVE SCHEDULING/FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

# Between: The Hospital-

# Anti: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (and its Local)

# Article 1 - Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

Article 2 - Hours of Work

(Scheduling arrangement to be set out in this Article.)

Article 3 - Agreed Variation From the Collective Agreement

(Collective Agreement provisions to be varied.)

Article 4 - Rest Periods

4.01 (a) Employees shall **be** entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief **periods during** the shin **on** the **basis** of 15 minutes for each 3.75 hours worked.

# Article 5 - Meal Periods

5.01 (The length of the meal period to be determined locally.)

# Article 6 - Local Provisions

(Local provisions related to these **scheduling** arrangements are to **be set** out in **this** Article and numbered in sequence.)

<u>Term</u>

This Agreement **shall be** (Specify Term).

Either party may, an written notice of (days, weeks) to the other party, terminate this Agreement notwithstanding the above specified term.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_.

For the Union

For the Hospital

#### 29.03 Job Sharing Arrangements

Where the Hospital **and** the Union agree, job sharing arrangements may be entered into between the **parties on** a local level. Job sharing is defined **as** an arrangement whereby two employees share the hours of work of one full-time position on a 50/50 basis. Subject to the **provisions** of Article **I**, the position involved in the job sharing arrangement will be maintained **as** a full-time position in the **Hospital's** staffing complement.

The model agreement with respect to job sharing is set out below:

# MODELAGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO JOB SHARING

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

# Between: The Hospital -

# And: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (and its Local)

# Article 1 - Work Unit and Employees Covered

{Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

Article 2 - Hours of Work

(Scheduling and coverage arrangements to be set out in this Article.)

Article 3 - Status of Employees

The employees involved *in* a **job** sharing arrangement **will** be classified as regular part-time and **will be** covered **by** the provisions d the applicable Collective Agreement.

#### Article 4 - Introduction

(Introduction provisions to be set out in this Article.)

#### Article 5 - Discontinuance

(Discontinuance provisions to **be** set out **in this** Article. In preparing discontinuance language, the parties shall make provisions for a full-time employee **who has** transferred to a regular part-time position **as part** of a job sharing arrangement to have the first option of returning to that full-time position on the collapse of the arrangement.)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_.

FOR THE UNION

FOR THE HOSPITAL

NOTE: Employees presently covered by a job sharing arrangement shall be subject to its terms and conditions until such job sharing arrangement is discontinued.

### 29.04 <u>Pre-Paid Leave</u> (Effective Date: April 1, 1989)

(a) <u>Purpose</u>

The Pre-Paid Leave Plan **b** a plan developed to afford employees the opportunity to take a one (1) year leave of absence, funded solely by the employee through the deferral of salary over a defined period, in accordance with Part LXVIII of the Income Tax Regulations, Section 6801 (as may be amended from time to time).

# (b) Application

Eligible employees must make written application to the Department Head, with a **copy** to the Director of Human Resources/Personnel, at least **six** (6) **months** prior to the intended commencement date of the salary **deferral** portion of the **Pre-Paid** Leave Plan. Such application will outline the reason the leave *is* being requested.

Priority will be given to applicants intendingto use the leave to pursue formal education related *to* their profession. As between two (2) or more candidates, from the same department, with the same intended **purpose seniority shall** govern. The employee will be informed of the disposition of his application as soon as *is* reasonably possible after the closing date for applications.

(c) The total number of employees that may be accepted into the Pre-Paid Leave Plan in any one plan year as defined in Article 14.07(I) and from any one department shall be (number subject tu local negotiations). Where there are more applications than spaces allotted, seniority shall govern subject to 14.07 (b) above.

# (d) <u>Nature of Final Agreement</u>

Final approval for entry into the pre-paid leave program will be subject to the employee entering into a formal agreement with the Hospital, authorizing the Hospital to make the appropriate deductions from the employee's pay. The agreement will also include:

- (a) A statement that the employee *is* entering the plan in accordance with Article 14.07 of the Collective Agreement.
- (b) The period **cf salary** deferral **and** the period for which the leave **is** requested.
- (c) The manner in which the deferred salary is to be held.

- (d) The letter of application to enter the plan will be appended to, and form part *of*, the written agreement.
- (e) <u>Deferral Plan</u>

The deferral portion of the plan shall involve an employee spreading four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year period, or such other schedule as may be mutually agreed between the employee and the Hospital. In the case of the four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year schedule, during the four (4) years' of salary deferral, 20% of the employee's gross annual earnings will be deducted and held for the employee. Such deferred salary will not be accessible to the employee until the year of the leave or upon the collapse of the plan. In the case of another mutually agreed upon deferral schedule, the percentage of salary deferred shall be adjusted appropriately.

# (9 Deferred Earnings

The manner in which the **deferred** salary **is held** shall be at the discretion **of** the Hospital. **The** employee **will be** made aware, *in* **advance** of having to **sign any formal** agreement, of the manner of holding **such** deferred **salary**.

Interest which *is* accumulated **during** each year of the deferral period shall **be** paid out to the employee in accordance with Part LXVIII of the Income Tax Regulations, Section 6801.

#### (g) Health and Welfare Benefits

All benefits shall be kept whole during the deferral period of the plan.

#### Full-Time Employees Only

Employees will be allowed to participate in health and weifare benefits plans during the year of the leave, but the full cost of such plans will be borne by the employees. Contributions to the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan will be in accordance with the Plan.

Notwithstanding the above, employees will *not* be eligible to participate in the disability income plan during the year of the leave.

(h) Seniority and Service

# Full-Time Only

During the year of the leave, seniority shall continue to accumulate. **Service** for the purposes of vacation and salary progression and other benefits will be retained but will not accumulate during the **period** of the leave.

#### (i) Assignment on Return

On return from leave, a participant will be assigned to his former position unless  $\pm$  is no longer available. In such a case the employee will be given a comparable job, if possible, or the layoff provisions will be applied.

#### (j) <u>Withdrawal Rights</u>

- (i) A participant may withdraw from the plan at any time up to a date three (3) months prior to the commencement of the leave. Deferred salary, and accrued interest will be returned to the participant within a reasonable period of time.
- (ii) On Leaving Employment

If a participant **resigns**, or **is** terminated, prior to the commencement *d* the leave, deferred salary **plus** interest will be returned to the participant within a reasonable period of time. In the event of the death of a participant, **such funds** will **be paid** to the participant's estate.

#### (k) <u>Replacement Employees</u>

The Hospital will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the employee, as far in advance as practicable. If the Hospital is unable to find a suitable replacement, it may postpone the leave. If, after a period of postponement, a suitable temporary replacement cannot be found, the Hospital will have the option of considering a further postponement or of collapsing the plan. The employee, subject to such a postponement, will have the option of remaining in the plan and rearranging the leave at a mutually agreeable time, or of withdrawing from the plan as outlined in Article 26.04 (j). (I) <u>Plan Year</u>

The year for the purposes of the **plan shall be** from September 1 of **one year**, to **August 31**, of the following **year**, or such other years **as** the parties may agree to.

(m) Status of Replacement Employee

Only the original vacancy resulting from an absence due to pre-paid leave wilt be posted.

Employees in bargaining units at the Hospital represented by OPSEU, selected to fill vacancies **resulting** from replacing an employee **on** a pre-paid leave need not **be** considered for other vacancies while replacing such employee. Upon completion of the leave, the replacing employee will be returned to **his** former position, **and** the filling of subsequent vacancies will likewise **be** reversed.

Employees newly hired to fill vacancies resulting from replacing an employee on pre-paid leave will nut accrue seniority during the filling of such vacancies. Furthermore, such employees need *not* be considered for other vacancies. If such employees do **post** into permanent positions they will be credited with seniority from their **fast** date of hire. The release or discharge of **such** employees **will** not **be** subject of a grievance **or** arbitration.

# <u>M -- Health Examinations (Local)</u>

M -- 1 When required by the Hospital, the employees will submit to a physical examination, stool examination and/or culture, including laboratory test, x-rays, innoculations and vaccinations: it being understood that examinations may be conducted by the employees' own personal physician, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the employees agree to submit to any examination required from time to time by the Public Hospitals Act, R.S.O. 1982, Chapter 865, and amendments thereto and/or regulations thereto.

# O -- Uniforms (Local)

**O-1** The Employer agrees to maintain its present policy with regard to supplying and laundering lab coats to members of *ifsstaff*.

# Q -- Pagers (Local)

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Q -- 1 Employees required to carry a pager and not allowed to leave the Hospital premises during unpaid meal breaks shall be compensated at the overtime rate of time and one-half(11/2).

#### DURATION AND RENEWAL

- .01 This Agreement shall continue in effect until the 31st day of March, 2002 and shall continue automatically thereafter for annual **periods** of one **year** each unless either **party notifies the** other in writing that **it intends** *to* amend or terminate **this** Agreement in accordance with the following:
- .02 In the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its (a) renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party may give notice to the other of its desire to bargain for the renewal of this Agreement within 120 days prior to the termination date of this Agreement. Negotiations on local matters shall take place during the period from 120 to 60 days prior to the termination date of this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that "local matters" means those matters which have been determined by mutual agreement between the central negotiating committees representing each of the parties to this Agreement as being subjects for local bargaining directly between the parties to this Agreement. It is also agreed that local bargaining shall be subject to such procedures as may be determined by mutual agreement between the central negotiating committees referred to above.
  - (b) In the event the parties to **this** Agreement do not agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party may notify the other within the period from ninety **days** to **sixty days** preceding the expiry **date** of this Agreement that it **desires tu** amend or terminate **this** Agreement. If notice of amendment or termination **is** given **by** either party, the other party **agrees** to meet for the purpose of negotiations within thirty (30)days after the giving of notice, if so requested.

It is further understood that the central negotiating committees will meet in the sixth month prior to the termination of this Agreement to convey the intentions of their principals as to participation in central negotiations, if any, and to determine the conditions for such central bargaining.

Proposals on central issues shall be exchanged by the central negotiating committees on a date set out in the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining. Negotiations on central matters shall take place during the period commencing 90 days prior to the termination of this Agreement

# LETTER of INTENT - CENTRAL JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE

The Hospitals and OPSEU share significant interests in the advancement of the professions and fields of work represented by the OPSEU bargaining units.

A Central Committee will be established to identify and pursue opportunities to work together in these regards. The Committee wilt be composed of two representatives appointed by each of OPSEU and the OHA, and will meet at least quarterly.

The parties will invest in **this** Committee the authority and, **on** a *cost* share **basis**, the funds that it **needs** to work effectively.

The mandate of the Committee wilt include, but is not limited to, the following:

- < Determining its reporting mechanisms and frequency,
- < Finding ways to raise the profile of the professions and fields of work,
- < Engendering public knowledge, support and recognition for the critical nature of this work,
- < Working together on strategies to gain public and government support for funding to meet future needs,
- Identifying and implementing strategies to increase future retention and recruitment for these areas of work,
- < Seeking approaches to create new employment opportunities, and
- < Working to increase the awareness within the hospital of the work of these employees

The Committee will begin its work by identifying the areas that **need** to be addressed **and** gathering *I* sharing the information **necessary** for informed **discussion**.

# LETTER OF INTENT - CENTRAL BARGAINING

The Central Parties recognize that it would be beneficial to encourage non-participating Hospitals and bargaining units to join the Central Bargaining Process. To facilitate this the Central Parties will jointly assist the Local Parties in identifying the necessary conditions that wilt enable them to participate in Central Bargaining.

OPSEU and the OHA also undertake to separately explore with their respective principals ways in which they might address current barriers that prevent Non-Participating Hospitals and Bargaining Units from joining *the* Central Bargaining Process.

The parties agree that the provisions attached hereto represent the central portions of the full-time collective agreements between each of the applicable participating hospitals (as listed in Appendix "A" to the Memorandum of Settlement and the corresponding locals of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, expiring March 31, 2002

Signed at Toronto, Ontario the <u>day of</u> 20	Signed at Toronto	, Ontario the _	day of	, 200
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FOR ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION	FOR THE PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

# REGISTERED TECHNOLOGISTS'& ABOVE

#### WAGE SETTLEMENT: 2%, 2%, 2.5%+.5%

Registered	Technolog	sts		
	Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START	\$18.14	<b>\$18</b> .50	\$18.87	\$19.44
1	\$19.04	\$19.42	\$19.81	\$20.41
2	\$19.79	\$20.19	\$20.59	\$21.21
3	\$20.61	<b>\$21.02</b>	\$21.44	\$22.09
4	\$21.43	\$21.86	\$22.30	\$22.9'7
5	\$22.25	\$22,70	\$23.15	\$23,85
6	\$23.07	\$23.53	\$24.00	\$24.73
7	\$23.90	\$24,30	\$24.87	\$25.61
8	\$24.71	\$25.20	\$25.71	\$26.48
В	\$25.54	\$26.05	\$26.57	\$27.37

Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapists					
		Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START		18,69	\$19.06	\$19.45	\$20.03
	1	20.08	\$20.48	\$20,89	\$21.52
	2	21.47	\$21.90	\$22,34	\$23.01
	3	22.86	\$23.32	\$23.78	\$24.50
	- 4	24,25	\$24.74	\$25.23	\$25.99
	5	25.64	\$26.15	\$26.68	\$27.48
	6	27.03	\$27.57	\$28.12	\$28.97

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Senior Te	chnologists				
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1	\$19.04	***	***	***	R F A
2	\$19.79	\$20.98	\$21.40	\$21.82	\$22.48
3	\$20.61	\$21.85	\$22.28	\$22,73	\$23.41
4	\$21.43	\$22.72	\$23.17	\$23.63	\$24,35
5	\$22.25	\$23.59	\$24.06	\$24.54	\$25.28
6	\$23.07	\$24.45	\$24.94	\$25.44	\$26.21
7	\$23,90	\$25,33	\$25.04	\$26.36	\$27.15
8	\$24.71	\$28.19	\$26,72	\$27.25	\$28.07
9	\$25,54	<b>\$27</b> .07	\$27.61	\$28.17	\$29.01

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		Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START		19.13	\$19,51	\$19,90	\$20.50
	1	20.25	\$20.66	\$21.07	\$21,70
	2 -	21.35	\$21.78	\$22.21	\$22.88
	3	22,47	\$22.92	\$23.38	\$24.08
	4	23.58	\$24.05	\$24.53	\$25.27
	5	24.69	\$25.18	\$25,69	\$26.46
	6	25.6	\$26.32	\$26.84	\$27.65

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START	\$18.14	***	***	A#*	***
1	\$19.04	***	***	***	4**
2	\$19.79	\$22.16	\$22.61	\$23,06	\$23.75
3	\$20.61	\$23.08	\$23.54	\$24.02	\$24,74
4	\$21.43	\$24.00	\$24.48	\$24.97	\$25.72
5	\$22,25	\$24.92	\$25.42	\$25,93	\$28.71
6	\$23.07	\$25.84	\$26.36	\$26.88	\$27.69
7	\$23.90	\$26,77	\$27.30	\$27.85	\$28,69
8	\$24.71	\$27.68	\$28.23	\$28,79	\$29.66
9	\$25,54	\$28,60	\$29.18	\$29.76	\$30.66

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		Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apg-01
START		21.0 I	\$21.43	\$21.86	\$22.52
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	2	23.45	\$23.92	\$24.40	\$25.13
	3	24.67	\$25.16	\$25.67	\$26,44
	4	25.89	\$26.4 I	\$26.94	\$27,75
	5	27.11	\$27.65	\$28,21	\$29.05
	6	28.34	\$28.91	\$29.48	\$30.37

Psychologi	st			
	Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START	\$30,05	\$30.65	\$31.26	\$32.21
1	\$31.80	\$32.44	\$33.08	\$34.08
2	\$33.54	\$34.21	\$34.90	\$35.95
3	\$35.29	\$36.00	\$36,72	\$37.82
4	\$37,04	\$37.78	\$38.54	\$39.70
5	\$38.78	\$39.56	\$40.35	\$41,56
6	\$40,53	\$41.34	\$42.17	\$43.44

Pharmacis	ts			
	Current	1-Apr-99	1 Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START	\$23.01	\$24.08	\$24.56	\$25.30
1	\$24,92	\$25.42	\$25.93	\$26.71
2	\$26,29	\$26.82	\$27.35	\$28 18
3	\$27.68	\$28 23	\$28,80	\$29.67
- 4	\$29,06	\$29.64	\$30.23	\$31.14
5	\$30.45	\$31.06	\$31.68	\$32.63
8	\$31.83	\$32.47	\$33.12	\$34.11

Biomedica	l Tec	Innologist			
L <u></u>		Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
START		18.75	\$19.13	\$19.51	\$20.10
		19.84	\$20.24	\$20.64	\$21,26
	2 '	20,93	\$21.35	\$21.78	\$22,43
	З	22.02	\$22,46	\$22.91	\$23.60
	4	23.11	\$23.57	\$24.04	\$24.77
	5	24.19	\$24.67	\$25.17	\$25,93
	6	25.28	\$25.79	\$26.30	\$27.09

Audiologists, Psychomotrists, MSW, Speech Pathologists							
		Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01		
START		21.82	\$22.26	\$22.70	\$23.39		
	1	\$23.09	\$23.55	\$24.02	\$24.75		
	2	\$24.36	\$24.85	\$25.34	\$26.11		
	3	\$25.62	\$26,13	\$26,66	\$27.46		
	4	\$26.89	\$27,43	\$27.98	\$28.82		
	5	\$28.16	\$28.72	\$29.30	\$30,18		
	6	\$29,42	\$30.01	\$30.01	\$31.53		

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START	\$14.24	\$14.52	\$14.82	\$15.19
1	\$14.78	\$15.08	\$15.38	\$15.76
2	2 \$15.31	\$15,62	\$15.93	\$16.33
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START		\$18.87	\$19.25	\$19.63	\$20.02	
	1	\$19.58	\$19.97	\$20.37	\$20.78	
	2	\$20.30	\$20.71	\$21.12	\$21.54	
	3	\$21.02	\$21.44	\$21.87	\$22.31	
	- 4	\$21.73	\$22.16	\$22.61	\$23.06	

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	Current	1-Apr-99	1-Apr-00	1-Apr-01
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	1	\$20.73	\$21.14	\$21.57	\$22.00
	- 2	\$21.49	\$21.92	\$22.36	\$22.0'1
	3	\$22,25	\$22.70	\$23.15	\$23.61
	- 4	\$23.01	\$23.47	\$23.94	\$24.42

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TECHNICIAN 3 = Non-Certified EEG/EMG/ENG/ECHO/Technician, ECG Technician, Lab Assistant, Morgue Attendant/Technician AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS/ASSISTANTS

TECHNICIAN 4 = Non-Registered Technologist, Audio-Visual Technician, Dental Technician/Assistant,

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between

Ontario Public Service Employees Union and its Local 659

AND

Hopital Regional de Sudbury Regional Hospital Full-Time

Signed at Sudbury, Ontario the 12 day of August, 2000

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For the Union

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Letter of Intent

### Between

### Sudbury Regional Hospital and Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 659

The Parties hereby agree to *the* following terms **and** conditions:

- 1. That the issues of Continuing Education, Professional Association and Multi-site defined in the Central Collective Agreement dated March 30, 2000 will be matters for discussion at the Labour/Management Meetings.
- 2. The parties will meet, at the request of either the Union or the Hospital, within ninety (90) days of the signing of the collective agreement, to discuss these matters.

Dated at Sudbury, Ontario this 10 day of August ,2000

For the Employer

For the Union

### LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

### Between

### Sudbury Regional Hospital

And

### Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 659

The Hospital recognizes the number of hours required to fulfill the duties of the local President *as* it pertains to **meetings** with the employer and related **issues**. The local President or their designee **shall** be granted, on a trial **basis**, one **day per** week with pay as required, to attend to Labour/Management **issues**.

This agreement shall continue in effect until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2000, and shall continue automatically thereafter for annual periods of one year unless either party notifies the other in writing that it intends to amend or terminate this Agreement.

Dated at Sudbury, Ontario this 18 day of August , 2000

For the Employer

For the Union

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### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### Between HOPITAL REGIONAL DE SUDBURY REGIONAL HOSPITAL (Hereinafter Referred to as "the Hospital")

And

### ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (Hereinafter Referred to as "the Union")

### ARTICLE 1 - SCOPE

- 1.01 The parties herato acknowledge that the successor collective Agreements shall be the full-time and part-time collective Agreements between Sudbury Memorial Hospital and Ontario Public Service Employees Union and its Local 659.
- 1.02 To the extent that this Agreement conflicts with the terms of any subsisting collective Agreement between the parties, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail over the ferms of the collective Agreements (unless otherwise specified) but only for such period of time as is necessary to effect rationalization/reconfiguration.
- 1.03 It is understood that this Labour Adjustment Plan will address the impact of the implementation on the hospitals' employees of the Directions at all work sites, including the transfer of programs to other hospitals/sites, the reduction in utilization rate, the reduction in the number of beds and the consolidation of acute services.

### **ARTICLE 2 - PROGRAM TRANSFERS**

- 2.01 The Union will be notified as soon as a formal decision to transfer programs or consolidate services is taken.
- 2.02 As soon as possible, but prior to program transfers or consolidation of services, the parties shall meet to review and discuss the specifics in a manner that allows the Union an opportunity to provide input into the process. The following information shall be shared with the Union:
  - a description of the tasks to be transferred and the location where the work will be performed;
  - an estimate of whether the new location will be temporary or permanent and the expected duration of any temporary relocation;
  - c) projected staffing needs
  - d) in the event that the transfer or consolidation will result in surplus staff, the parties will meet as per Article 6 of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 3 - WAGES AND BENEFITS

- 3.01 All employees in the bargaining units shall receive wages, benefits, vacation and paid holidays as specified by the successor collective Agreements except as specifically modified by this Article.
- 3.02 Previously non-union employees shall be placed on the wage grid for their classifications at the appropriate step for service in their classifications.
- 3.03 Where employees so placed enjoy wages higher than their proper place on the wage grid, their wages shall be frozen at the higher rate until such time as their service entitles them to placement at a step on the grid with a higher wage rate.
- 3.04 Where the employees' wage rates are higher than the maximum wage for the classification, they shall be red circled at the higher wage rate until the maximum wage for the classification exceeds the red circled rate.
- 3.05 The Employer shall provide the Union for each non-union employee joining the bargaining unit date showing their step on the salary grid, their length of service in the classification, their anniversary date for salary progression (for full-time employees) or the number of hours worked since their last salary progression (for part-time employees)
- 3.05 The Employer agrees to maintain all existing payroli deductions on the terms which existed on the effective date of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 4 - SENIORITY AND SERVICE

- 4.01 Seniority shall be calculated and applied equality to all employees in the bargaining units as provided by the successor collective Agreement.
- 4.02 A final seniority list integrating the seniority of all employees eligible for membership in the bargaining units shall be prepared and signed off as agreed and shall form the base point for all future seniority calculations.
- 4.03 Any non-union employee who falls within the scope of the bargaining unit will be credited with seniority for all time served in an O.P.S.E.U. equivalent position.
- 4.04 The ad hoc Union Management Committees established to review Laboratory Seniority at each work site shall continue the joint review of seniority calculation for all departments at each work site.

### ARTICLE 5 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

5.01 Any condition or restrictions on an employee's continued employment will continue to be in place for the required time period.

### ARTICLE 6 - LABOUR ADJUSTMENT

- 6.01 If surplus staff are identified as a result of the restructuring process, the surplus employee and the Union will be provided notice in accordance with Article 13 of the Collective Agreement. The surplus employee on a seniority basis, may elect to:
  - (a) accept layoff and be placed on a recall list for twenty-four
     (24) months in accordance with Article 13.04 of the collective Agreement; or
  - (b) exercise the personal transition options in accordance with Article 10 of this Agreement; or
  - (c) the employee may displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee within his/her classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in his/her discipline or department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee within his/her classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in his/her discipline or department without training other than orientation of up to thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours or such greater period that the parties may agree to.
  - (d) request a "redeployment option" in accordance with the following:

An employee may displace the most junior staff member working in the department requested, in accordance with the following:

- i) The employee has the seniority to displace the most junior staff member within his/ner classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification working in the department requested.
- ii) An employee who accepts a "redeployment option" shall not be eligible to apply to any job posting for a period of twelve (12) months from completion of "Special Training".
- iii) Where the number of employees wishing to exercise the "redeployment option" exceed the allowable displacements, redeployment options will be implemented on a staggered basis, with the most senior employees being the first to move into the positions. Employees waiting to exercise their redeployment option shall be eligible to exercise their rights under Article 13 of the collective Agreement.
- iv) Up to 300 hours of training will be provided for the purpose of allowing the individual to satisfactorily assume the duties of the "redeployment option", if, with the benefit of such training, the employes could reasonably be expected to obtain the qualifications and ability to perform the work. If, following the period of on-the-job training the employee has not obtained the qualifications and ability to perform the work, the employee may re-elect an option in accordance with Article 6.01(a) or (b).

The amount of "Special Training" a "redeployed" employee receives, shall be determined by the Director responsible for the department after discussion with the employee involved.

(e) The allowable displacement will be ten percent (10%)of department staff divided equally between full-time and part-time. In the event that less then 10 employees work in a department, the allowable displacement will be 1 full-time employee and 1 part-time employee.

It is understood that prior to making a change to the allowable displacements, the Parties shall meet and agree to such change. The Hospital agrees to consult the Monitoring Committee for displacements over ten percent (10%).

- (f) It is acknowledged that where the application of seniority permits, workers who are qualified as SUBJECT MLT will be given preference for the positions which fit those qualifications over workers whose broader qualifications permit different work assignments.
- 5.02 Where a laid-off employee is eligible for recall to a vacant position, he/she shall be entitled to training in accordance with item (d) above.
- 5.03 The hospital recognizes that during the restructuring process employees will be exposed to unfamiliar environments including new facilities, equipment, procedures etc. Accordingly the hospital will provide appropriate training and/or orientation to employees as required. This process will ensure that employees become familiar with their new surroundings and that they may work in a safe environment.

Any concerns or issues arising in this area will be discussed at the Labour Management meetings.

### ARTICLE 7 - JOB POSTING

- 7.01 As bargaining unit vacancies arise that the Hospital intends to fill, the following procedures will apply:
  - (a) all bargaining unit vacancies will be posted in accordance with Article 15 of the collective Agreement simultaneously at all sites;
  - (b) the employer will provide to the Local Union President a copy of the job postings;
  - (c) should any position as outlined in (a) above, not be filled after the job posting procedure has been exhausted, and the successful internal applicant comes from outside the bargaining unit but in the employ of the new corporation they shall be credited with any seniority previously samed in an O.P.S.E.U. equivalent position and resume accumulation from the date of their return to the bargaining unit;
  - (d) employees who accept a severance package under this Agreement irrevocably surrender their recall rights and, should they be rehired at a later date, start as new hires.

### ARTICLE 8 - MONITORING/DISPUTES RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 8.01 The purpose of the Monitoring/Disputes Resolution Committee is to:
  - (a) provide for full and timely communications to aid the parties in implementation;
  - (b) where necessary, make recommendations to their respective principles for amandments or extensions to this Agreement;
  - (c) serve as a dispute resolution process.
- 8.02 The composition of the Committee shall be:
  - . three (3) representatives from the Hospital;
  - ons (1) representative from O.P.S.E.U. from each hospital/site, or as otherwise agreed between the parties.

Those members of the Committee who may also be employees of the Hospital shall not suffer loss of earnings for attendance at meetings of the committee.

8.03 The Committee shall determine the frequency of meetings and shall operate on the basis of consensus.

### **ARTICLE 9 - DISPUTES RESOLUTION PROCESS**

- 9.01 Disputes which arise regarding the interpretation or application of this document, will be processed as follows:
  - (a) The complainant must set out all particulars related to the dispute in writing and deliver it to the Disputes Resolution Committee within seven (7) calendar days.
  - (b) The Disputes Resolution Committee must meet within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the written complaint to resolve the issue.
  - (c) If the meeting fails to produce a resolution to the complaint, satisfactory to all involved parties, the complainant has seven (7) calendar days to request arbitration and advise the other parties.
  - (d) A sole arbitrator will be selected from a list of four (4) arbitrators mutually agreed upon by the parties. Additional arbitrators will be added to the list if necessary.

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Selection will be based on a rotational basis dependent upon the availability of the arbitrator to hear the issue within twenty-one (21) days of notification and to respond within fourteen (14) days of the hearing.

- (e) The arbitrator will be a "mediator-arbitrator" and must first engage the parties in mediation efforts before making a final and binding decision, if necessary.
- (f) Arbitration will take place within the framework of the Ontario Labour Relations Act. The arbitrator will not have the authority to add to, modify or delete any par of this Agreement, nor issues related to the redeployment obligations within this Agreement.
- (g) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be divided equally among the

### ARTICLE 10 CAREER TRANSITION

- 10.01 Every reasonable effort shall be made by the parties to minimize layoffs.
- 10.02 The following personal transition options will be made available to all employees affected by program transfers.

### PERSONAL TRANSITION OPTIONS

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- i) The Hospital will offer early retirement allowance to a sufficient number of employees eligible for early retirement under HOOPF within the classification(s) in order of seniority, to the extent that the maximum number of employees within a classification who elect early retirement is equivalent to the number of employees within the classification(s) who would otherwise receive notice of layoff.
- ii) An employee who elects an early retirement option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a retirement allowance of two (2) weeks salar for each year of service, and any partial year of service, to a maximum ceiling of twenty-six (26) weeks and, in addition, full-time employees shall receive a single lump sum payment equivalent to \$1,000.00 for each year less age 65 to a maximum of \$5,000.00 upon retirement.
- iii) Where the employee who elects an early retirement option in accordance with this provision is part-time, their retirement allowance will be based upon their regular average weekly salary calculated over the twelve (12) months immediately preceding their last day of work.
- iv) Employees will be given the option of accepting their retirement allowance in a single lump sum payment or in the form of salary continuance.
- V) The Hospital will provide to full-time employees who elect to accept their early retirement allowance by way of salary continuance benefits on the same basis provided to active employees for semi-private, extended health care and denta benefits. All other benefit entitlement shall cease effective the end of their last day of work.
- VI) The Hospital will provide to full-time employees who elect early retirement and have not yet reached age 65 and who are in receipt of the Hospital's pension plan, benefits on the same basis as it provided to active employees for semiprivate, extended health care and dental benefits. All other benefit entitlement shall cease effective the end of their last day of work. The Hospital will contribthe same portion towards the billed premiums of these benefit plans as is

- vil) The early retirement full-time employee's share towards the billed premiums of the insured benefit plans will be submitted by utilization of post-dated cheques, direct deposit or in a manner satisfactory to both parties.
- viii) Employees who elect early retirement will be required to execute a full and final release in the form attached and labelled Appendix 1.
- (b) Voluntary Severance
  - i) Where an employee submits a resignation from employment which is effective within one month (30 days) after receiving notice of layoff that his or her position will be eliminated, he or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of two (2) weeks salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum tweive (12) weeks pay, and on production of receipts from an approved educational program within twelve (12) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of \$3,000.00.
  - II) Where the employee who resigns in accordance with this provision is a part-time employee, their separation allowance will be based upon their regular average weekly salary calculated over the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding their last day of work.
  - iii) Where an employee resigns later than thirty (30) days after receiving notice of layoff that his or her position will be eliminated, he or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks salary and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of \$1,250,00 dollars.
  - W) Employees who elect early allientern will be required to execute a full and final release in the form attached and labelled Appendix 1.
- (c) The Hospital shall submit voluntary exit options and early retirement programs with Employment Canada in an attempt to register as a work force reduction program. Employees should contact Employment Canada with respect to their eligibility for benefits.
- 10.03 Pre-retirement counselling will be made available to employees electing early retirement options.
- 10.04 in addition to 10.02(b)(i) and (ii) above, any employee accepting a Voluntary Exit Option shall have access of up to \$2,950.00 in accordance with the reimbursement for restructuring costs as established by the Ministry of Health.

### ARTICLE 11 - TERM

- 11.01 This Agreement shall become effective upon signing and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2001 or such later date as may be set by the Hospital Services Restructuring Commission as the deadline for the completion of the Sudbury Hospital Restructuring.
- 11.02 The parties shall meet within ninety (90) days prior to the expiry of this Agreement to determine whether there are sufficient issues remaining from the restructuring process to continue this Agreement in effect and the length of any required extension.

11.03 Should the contents of this Agreement be substantially altered by external forces the parties agree to renegotiate appropriate changes to this Agreement

FOR THE HOPITAL REGIONAL DE SUDBURY

REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Signed at Sudbury, Onterio this 28 day of 444 1998

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### LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

### Botween

### HOPITAL REGIONAL DE SUDBURY REGIONAL HOSPITAL (Descinafte: referred to de the "Hospital")

### And

### ONTARIO PUBLIC SERV ICE EMPLOYEES UNION (Local 659) (hereingfter referred to as the "Unios")

The Hôpitel Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospitel and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Paramedical full-time and part-time units Local 659 hereby agree to the following terms and conditions as a result of the Implementation/Monitoring Committee meetings:

- 1. Seniority
  - a) the parties agree to establish a working committee comprised of three members from both sides to finalize an integrated seniority list from all three sites for employees in each bargaining unit (full-time and part-time).
  - b) the committee will meet throughout July and finalize the list by August 31, 1998. The list will be reviewed by the Monitoring committee for final approval.
  - c) The working group will also review and make recommendations on the appropriate classification level and grid placement for all previously nonunionized employees.
  - d) Upon final review and approval of the Monitoring Committee, the list will be posted until September 30, 1998 during which period employees may question their individual seniority.
  - e) In the event no complaints are submitted by September 30, 1998, the seniority credit listed shall be deemed to be correct until a subsequent list is posted.
  - Questions or complaints may be submitted to Marion Searle (Fluman Resources Department - Memorial Site) in writing prior to September 30, 1998, setting out an explanation of your situation, including the site and department in which you work and a contact phone number in the event that clarification of the information given is required.

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### 2. Vacation

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a) Employees at the Laurentian and St. Joseph's Health Centre Sites will have their vacation accruals calculated as at July 1, 1995. The parties agree that this accruad vacation bank (hereinafter referred to as the AVB) will be tracked separately and shall be fully depleted within a twenty four (24) month period from July 1, 1995. The scheduling of vacation will be determined at the local level between the supervisor and the employee. The 24 month period may be extended if agreed to between the employee and his/her supervisor.

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- b) For purposes of clarity, it is understood that for the period covering July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, employees from the St. Joseph's Health Centre and the Laurentian site will be required to use vacation from their AVE. For the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 and for all subsequent periods, employees will first use the vacation accrued from the previous year before being required to use vacation time from their AVE. Upon the depletion of the AVE, employees may use accrued vacation from the current year.
- c) The vacation schedule will now run from July 1 to June 30 of each year and shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- d) Vecetion requests approved prior to July 1, 1998 will be honoured.
- 3. Holidaya

All employees who fall within the scope of the bargaining units shall maintain their current provisions regarding holidays until December 31, 1998 at which time the appropriate Article of the local 659 collective Agreement shall be the effective provision.

- 4. Sick leave, Injury and Disability
  - s) All employees who fall within the scope of the paramedic bargaining units shall be registered in the HOODIP plan affective July 2, 1998.
  - b) Employees previously not covered by the HOODIP plan will have their sick bank hours frozen effective July 1, 1998. Employees will use their sick bank to top up the HOODIP sick benefits to 100% of their regular salary. Upon reaching the 100% sick pay benefits (4 years from the date of entering the HOODIP plan) employees will, at their request, have the option of having the remaining balance of sick time, if any, paid out to them at the July 1, 1998 rate.

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c) In the event of termination of employment, any outstanding belance will be paid out to the employee.

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5. Rete Adjustment

The hourly rate adjustment resulting from the adoption of the Memorial classification and wage schedule will be effective July 1, 1995. Implementation will take place as soon as possible upon the determination of the appropriate classification and grid placement as per Article 3 of the Labour Adjustment plan.

- 6. Union Representation
  - E) It is mutually agreed that during the restructuring period, the number of Stewards for each bargaining unit (full-time and peri-time) shall be set out as follows:

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Pathology	i per site
Respiratory Therapy	l per site
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Phermacy	i per site

b) Article 8 of the Local Collective Agreement shall be effective once the hospital is operating on one site.

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Signed at Sudbury, Omeric this 12 day of Lugar 1998 For the union Le arlo

### LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

### Between

### HOPITAL REGIONAL DE SUDBURY REGIONAL HOSPITAL (hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

### And

### ONTARIO PUBLIC SERV ICE EMPLOYEES UNION (Local 659) (hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

The Hôpital Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Paramedical full-time and part-time units Local 659 hereby agree to the following:

- 1 Notwithstanding Article 6.01 (b) of the Labour Adjustment Plan, the parties agree that the early retirement and voluntary severance option in Article 10 may be made available at the discretion of *the* employer prior to the issuance of any surplus notice to staff or to the Union.
- For purposes of clarity, it is understood that should the Hospital announce that it is interested in receiving applications for early retirement and voluntary severance from employees in the paramedical bargaining units approvals will only be granted to the extent that the number of *interested* employees equals the number of anticipated lay-offs for any one unit or department.
- 3 In the event the number of interested candidates exceeds the number of anticipated reductions, employees will be selected in order of seniority.
- 4 The parties agree to include in Article 10 (a) of the Labour Adjustment Plan the option of receiving 2 weeks salary for each year of service, and any partial year of service, to a maximum ceiling of fifty-two (52) weeks without the continuation of benefits as described in Article 10 (a) v and vi.
- 5 The parties agree to amend Article 10 b i) of the Labour Adjustment Plan increasing the maximum separation allowance to sixteen (16) weeks from twelve (12) weeks.
- 6 The parties agree to continue to work through the monitoring committee to facilitate the process of reassigning and training staff in order to minimize layoffs, in accordance with the Labour Adjustment Plan and the Collective Agreements.

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### ONTARIO PUBLIC SERV ICE EMPLOYEES UNION (Local 659) (hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

The Hôpitel Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital and the Omario Public Service Employees Union Paramedical full-time and part-time units Local 659 hereby agree to the following:

Where less than the full complement of a unit or program is required to transfer and/or work at a different site, the selection of staff to be assigned to the new location shall be made on the basis of the person with the most seniority.

SIGNATURES: Signed at Sudbury, Ontario this 1 day of 4494.57 1998 FOR THE UKION FOR THE FOSP

### Memorandum of Settlement

between

### Diagnostic Imaging Department of Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) (herein referred to as the "Hospital")

and

### Ontario Public Service Employees Union (herein referred to as the "Union")

### Re Less Than 7.5-Hour Shifts in Diagnostic Imaging

The Hospital and the Union agree to the following:

- 1. shifts of less than 7.5 hours may be scheduled prior to the consolidation of services or a single site;
- the number of less *than* 7.3-hour shifts as set out in the attached schedule, dared 13/04/99, shall not be increased without the prior agreement of the Hospital aid the Union. The Hospital reserves the right to alter the start and end time of the less than 7.5-hour shifts;
- 3. this agreement expires on the date services are consolidated on a single site;
- 4. the Hospital and the Union will meet and renegotiate the terms of this agreement when 75% of the Diagnostic Imaging staff are located on one site.
- 5. The Union agrees to withdraw the grievance dared February 25, 1999.

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### General Duty Radiology Schedule

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# General Duty Radiology Schedule

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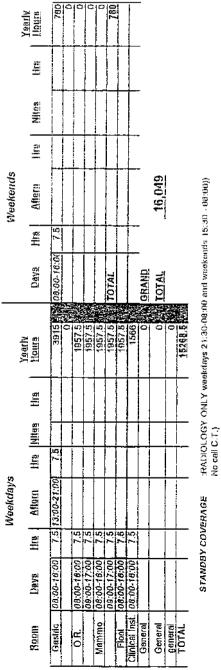
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### ONTARIO LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD

3721-97-R L'Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital Corporation, Applicant v. C.U.P.E., Local 161 & 1023, and Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Responding Parties v. Ontario Nurses' Association, Intervenor.

BEFORE: Mary Ellen Cummings, Vice-Chair, and Board Members J. A. Ronson and D. A. Patterson.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: July 13, 1998

1. The style of cause is hereby amended to reflect the correct name of one of the responding parties: "Ontario Public Service Employees Union".

2. This is an application pursuant to sections 69 and 1(4) of the <u>Labour Relations Act</u>, <u>1995</u> (the "Act"). In a decision dated June 25, 1998, the Board gave effect to the outcome of representation votes that had been ordered by the Board.

3. By letter dated July 13, 1998, counsel for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union ("OPSEU") noted that the decision contained an error. The bargaining rights held by OPSEU are held centrally, not by the locals. In accordance with the Board's powers of reconsideration, the June 25, 1998 decision is hereby replaced by this decision, which amends the style of cause and corrects the error.

Full-Time Paramedical Bargaining Unit

4.

The bargaining unit is as follows:

all medical laboratory technologists and technicians, all radiology technologists and technicians, respiratory therapists and technicians, dietitians, pharmacy technicians, employed by Sudbury Regional Hospital Corporation in Sudbury, Ontario, save and except Assistant Technical Director or equivalent, and co-ordinators, supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, all other technical employees, peersons regularly employed for not more than 24 hours per week, students employed during - د -

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<u>Clarity\_Note</u>:

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line	C.U.P.E., Local 161 & 1023 was successful in the representation vote and, therefore, is declared the bargaining agent for the bargaining unit.
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