

## **Murphy's Pharmacies Receives Third National Award**

Murphy's Pharmacies, an Island owned and operated health care company, has been recently recognized with another National Award, their third National award in the last three years. The Canadian Pharmacists Association, a national organization of pharmacists committed to advancing the profession of pharmacy, honored Murphy's Pharmacies, and specifically Murphy's Health Education Centre, at their annual conference in Victoria, BC recently.

Murphy's Health Education Centre was this year's recipient of the Canadian Pharmacists Association Patient Care Achievement Award for Innovation. This complements Murphy's Pharmacies other National Awards, the Commitment to Care Award for Health Promotion in 2006 and the Canadian Pharmacists Association Patient Care Achievement Award Health Promotion in 2007.

Murphy's Pharmacies opened Murphy's Health Education Centre over 3 years ago to show their commitment to patient care. This innovative facility is intended to service patients of Murphy's Pharmacies and communities across Prince Edward Island. Murphy's Health Education Centre is staffed by a team of health professionals including pharmacy technicians, pharmacists, nurses, certified foot care specialists, a registered dietitian, and a certified diabetes educator. These professionals strive to offer a wide range of health services and programs designed to help individuals take control of their health. Some of the services offered include health seminars, medication and dietary consultations, foot care, weight management programs, health testing, comprehensive health assessments, and a variety of services for patients with specific health issues, such as heart health and diabetes.

"We are trying to do our part as members of the health care team," says Ryan Murphy, Director, Pharmacy Development & Health Education with Murphy's Pharmacies. "There are limited resources in the health care system and one of the areas where there are gaps is in health education. We have a strong interest in providing health education and information to help patients make informed decisions about their own healthcare."

"We feel that our role is about more than providing medications. We believe in health promotion, health education and illness prevention and are committed to building healthier communities across Prince Edward Island," says Murphy's Pharmacies President, Ray Murphy.

For more than 27 years, Murphy's Pharmacies has been committed to providing quality health care to Islanders. Today, Murphy's Pharmacies includes eight pharmacy locations, five Medical Centres, Murphy's Home Health Care Locations, Murphy's Medication Compounding Laboratory, Murphy's Health Education Centre, Parkdale Travel Health Clinic, Murphy's Community Centre, and Murphy's Community Care Pharmacy.

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