



## **Plastic surgeons share expertise on breast reconstruction**

*Drop In Information Session slated for October 19 at The Scarborough Hospital*

**SCARBOROUGH** (October 12, 2011) – Many women undergoing a mastectomy may not be aware that breast reconstruction is considered part of the overall treatment plan. More awareness of the facts surrounding breast reconstruction is needed, and that's why October 19, 2011 has been designated the first National Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day.

The Scarborough Hospital's Plastic Surgeons Breast Reconstruction Group is holding a Drop-In Information Session on Wednesday, October 19 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the General campus Artists Walkway. TSH has one of the busiest breast reconstruction centres in Canada, routinely performing all types of restorative breast surgery including the most sophisticated microsurgical techniques.

"Breast reconstruction is not a luxury. It's a part of treatment and an option that is readily available and can offer high quality results," explains Dr. Tim Sproule, Plastic Surgeon with The Scarborough Hospital. "Breast reconstruction is becoming more common now since breast cancer is affecting more than 10 per cent of women. Although the technology to treat breast cancer is improving, what is usually left is a defect of the breast. We as Plastic Surgeons have the expertise to reconstruct the breast using several techniques."

Reconstructive nurses, allied healthcare providers and patients at various stages of reconstruction will join Plastic Surgeons Drs. Sproule, Narayanan Nandagopal, Sarah Wong and Sandra Voice to answer any questions practitioners or patients may have.

For more information, please contact The Scarborough Hospital Foundation at 416-431-8130.

*Situated in the most diverse community in Canada, The Scarborough Hospital (TSH) delivers innovative, high-quality patient care at two hospital campuses and six satellite sites. The Scarborough Hospital is a regional centre for dialysis and is renowned for its sexual assault care centre and mental health programs. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, TSH is also a referral centre for vascular surgery, pacemakers and cataract surgery.*

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