



Hospitals seek to strengthen relationship with their local communities.

Relationships keep us healthy. Support from friends, family and community is a key part of good health. The Public Health Agency of Canada explains that the health effects of broken social relationships may be as dangerous as smoking, obesity and high blood pressure.

What is true for individuals is true for organizations. Both the hospital and the community become healthier when they are better connected. The Bingham Memorial, Anson General and Lady Minto Hospitals all need a stronger relationship with the people of Matheson, Iroquois Falls and Cochrane.

These three facilities form the MICs (Matheson, Iroquois Falls, Matheson) partnership. Every day the hospitals cooperate with dozens of outside organizations. Each hospital is strengthened by all of these relationships. But their connection with the local public—the people who eventually use the hospital—needs work.

In an effort to build up this relationship the MICs Group is going to start a regular column providing you with the information you want to know.

Healthcare is currently the most important issue for Canadians. As part of its commitment to the public your hospital wants to keep you informed. Please send us your questions. What do *you* want to know about your local hospital and the MICs Group of Health Services?

Write your questions down and drop them off at your local hospital reception, e-mail them to publicrelations@micsgroup.com, or send a letter to Public Relations c/o Lady Minto Hospital, PO Box 4000, Cochrane, ON., POL 1C0.

We look forward to hearing from you.