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**OAKES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
COMPLETING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND WANTS YOUR OPINION!**

As part of our ongoing effort to meet the health care needs of the community we serve, Oakes Community Hospital is undertaking a Community Health Needs Assessment. The overall objective of the community assessment process is to determine health needs from the perspective of the community, NOT the perspective of the hospital or its employees. This is an important distinction because much of the discussion will be focused on where the true health needs lie and how the hospital can better serve these needs within the community. Your input as a community member is needed to better understand the health needs that exist within our community.

We are partnering with Wipfli LLP on this initiative. The main purpose of the survey is to:

- Identify the health needs that exist within the community today
- Understand community awareness of local health care services.

Your responses will help us identify and prioritize the major health needs within the community so that we can continue our commitment to delivering high quality health care in the community. Your responses are anonymous and your answers will be combined with other responses and reported in aggregate form.

We ask for your help by completing the survey online, please use the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2MY5NYX>

The link is also available by going to the hospital website at [www.oakeshospital.com](http://www.oakeshospital.com).

Surveys will be accepted from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>. This survey should take ten minutes or less. If you prefer to do the paper version it is available at the hospital receptionist desk with a return envelope to the consultants, Wipfli.

Please call Lee Boyles at 701-742-3602 if you have any questions or comments on the CHNA. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey and for your continued support of Oakes Community Hospital. Your valuable input will guide our hospital and help us to fulfill our mission of creating a healthier community.