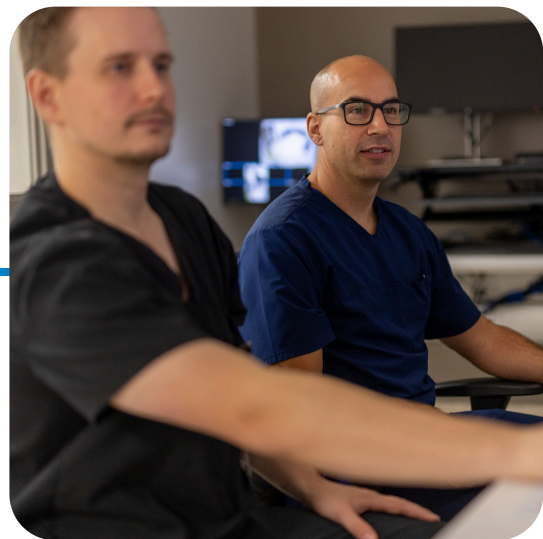


St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Case for a New Facility

Supporting the growth, health and future of Elgin County.



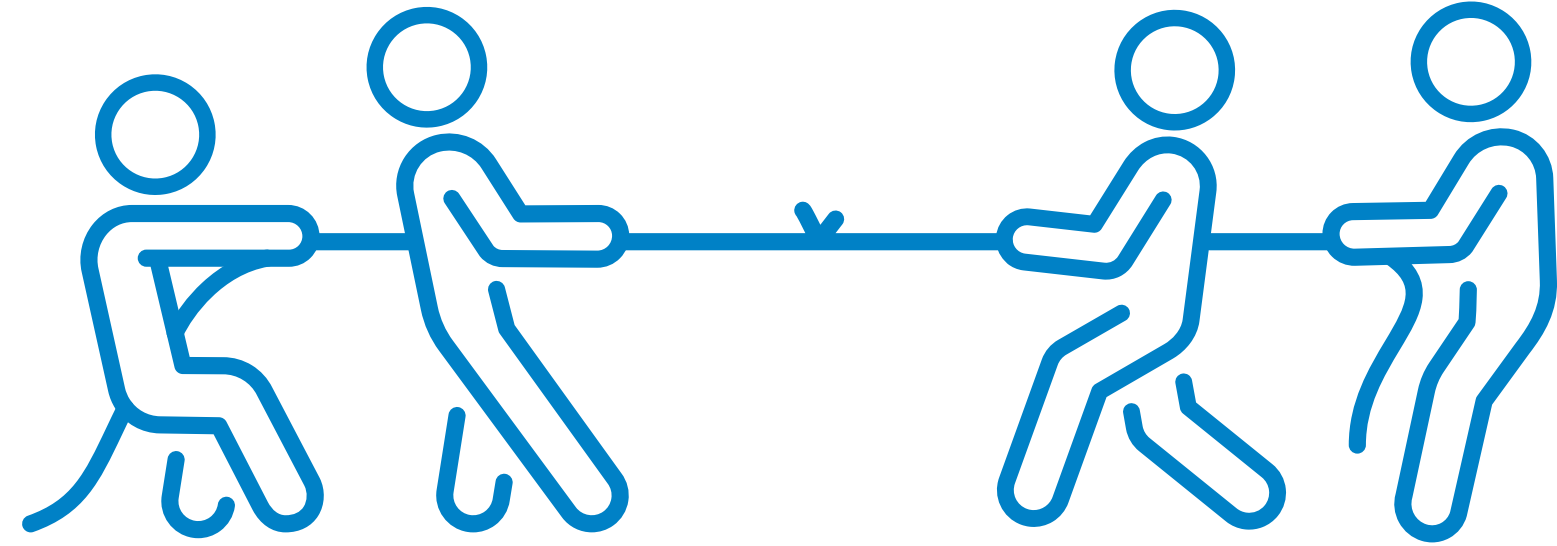
The image shows the exterior of a multi-story brick hospital building. In the foreground, there are concrete steps leading up to an entrance, flanked by two large planters with colorful flowers. A sign above the entrance reads "Entrance CLOSED to patients Please Use Other Entrance." To the right, a "FIRE ROUTE" sign with an arrow points to the right. The background shows more of the brick building under a clear blue sky.

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) has served the community since 1954.

The need for a new hospital has become undeniable as our aging infrastructure and growing demands strain our ability to meet healthcare needs effectively.

This presentation provides information and updates about STEGH, and outlines the need for a new hospital to meet the evolving healthcare needs of St. Thomas and Elgin County.

Current State & Challenges



By the Numbers



- Over **1,300** staff, physicians, and volunteers
- **179** beds “medium-size” hospital
- **831** births; **9,850** surgeries; **1,939,216** lab tests; **19,467** outpatient/clinic visits; **59,718** emergency visits (*FY23-24*)
- Serve over **94,000** residents in St. Thomas-Elgin
- **40.9%** of residents visited the emergency department in the past two years (Ontario average 31.1%)
- **10%** of emergency visits come from London

- Medium-sized communities face unique challenges from an aging population and rising chronic disease rates, often surpassing those in rural areas. While some regions grow, ours is rapidly aging, increasing the demand for healthcare services.
- Our communities also have disproportionately high levels of primary care unattachment & access to home and community care, mental health and addictions. Hospitals play a substitution role in the absence of these services.
- Capital Equipment Needs – community fundraising deficit



Growing and Aging Population

- **6.8% population growth** from 2016 to 2021 (above Ontario average)
- Projected population: **79,500 by 2051**, with **20.4% aged 65+**
- **Chronic illness and multi-morbidity** are steadily rising, with 3.1M Ontarians living with major illnesses by 2040
- Increased **violence, addiction and homelessness**
- Shortage of **primary care, home and community care services, and long-term care options** - affecting hospital capacity



Emergency and Mental Health Demand

- Over **57,000 ED visits expected** this year (equal to UH and exceeding Urgent Care at St. Joe's)
- **550 substance-related ED visits** in 2023-2024, up 20.4% from the previous year
- **Mental health outpatient visits have increased 50%** since 2019

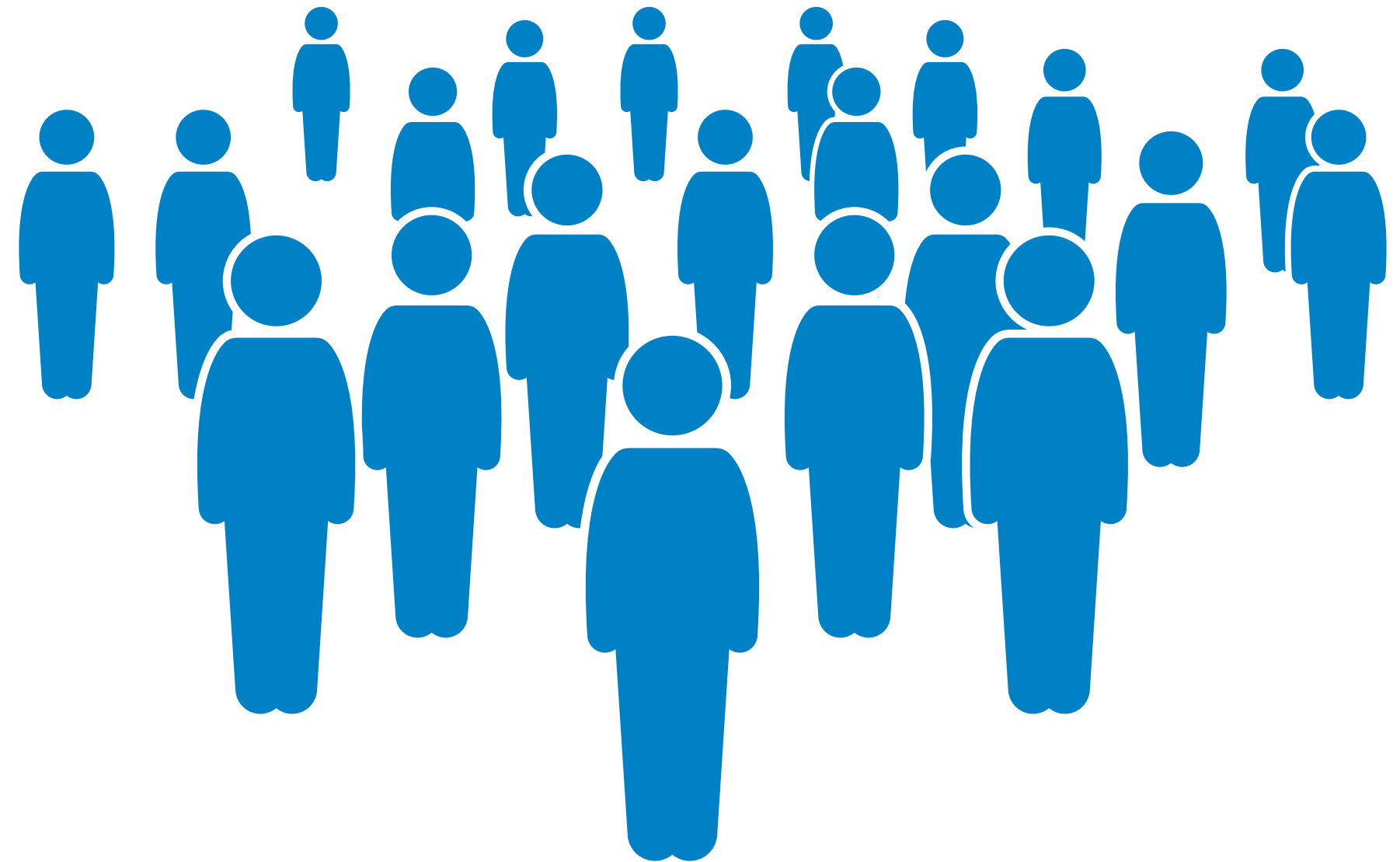


A conceptual image featuring a compass rose with a blue arrow pointing towards the word 'FUTURE' on a circular scale. The scale is marked with the word 'FUTURE' in large, light blue letters. The background is a dark blue gradient with a glowing blue ring.

A new facility is not just an investment in healthcare —
it's an investment in our community's future.

Together, we can ensure STEGH continues to lead in
patient care, innovation, and efficiency.

- **Aging infrastructure** is reaching a critical tipping point.
- Rapid **population growth** and **changing demographics** are increasing healthcare demand.
- Increasing **complexity of care**
- A new hospital will allow STEGH to **lead** in healthcare delivery and innovation.



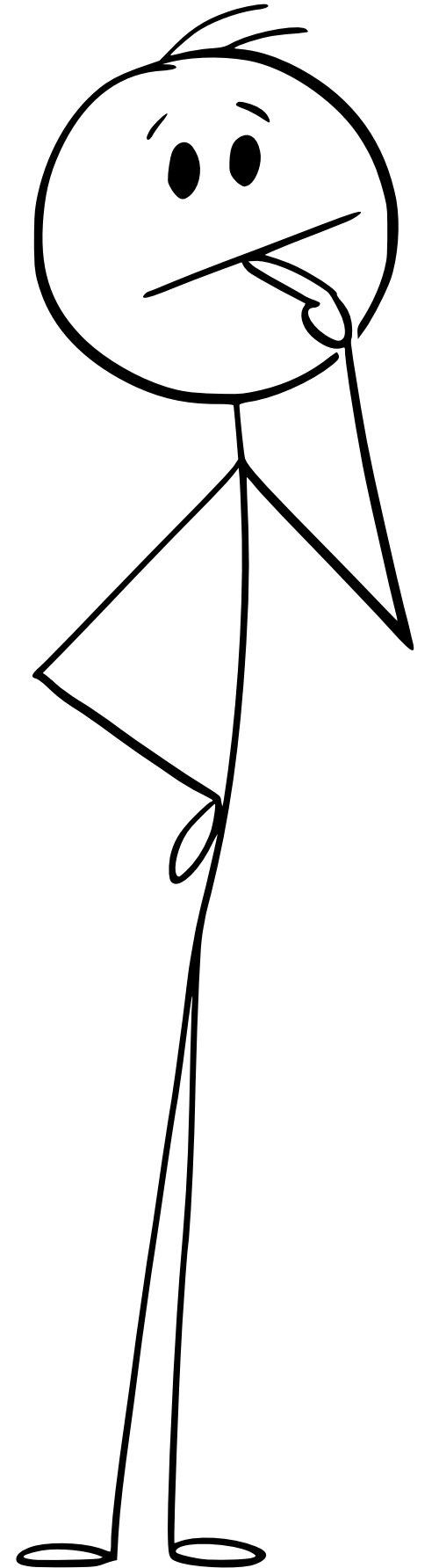
Challenges

- \$42.5M in **deferred maintenance** for the Main Building and \$15.7M for the South Building over 25 years
- **Parking shortage!** 75 staff currently park off-site.
- **Inadequate patient accommodation** (infection control, accessibility, safety, privacy, comfort)
- **Temperature regulation issues** in Main Building increase discomfort and energy costs
- Maxed-out site with **no room for expansion**, despite growing volumes and increased needs

If built to today's hospital standards...

- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) would be **93%** larger
- Emergency Department would be **42%** larger and have **15** more patient rooms
- Acute inpatient would be **72%** larger
- Pharmacy would be **61%** larger
- Continuing Care Centre would be **138%** larger

By 2033, we need 83% more square footage;
by 2053, 149%



Population Growth & Demand



City's tallest tower heralds St. Thomas building boom

Site work began Wednesday on a 14-storey high-rise on Talbot Street that will include 162 apartments.

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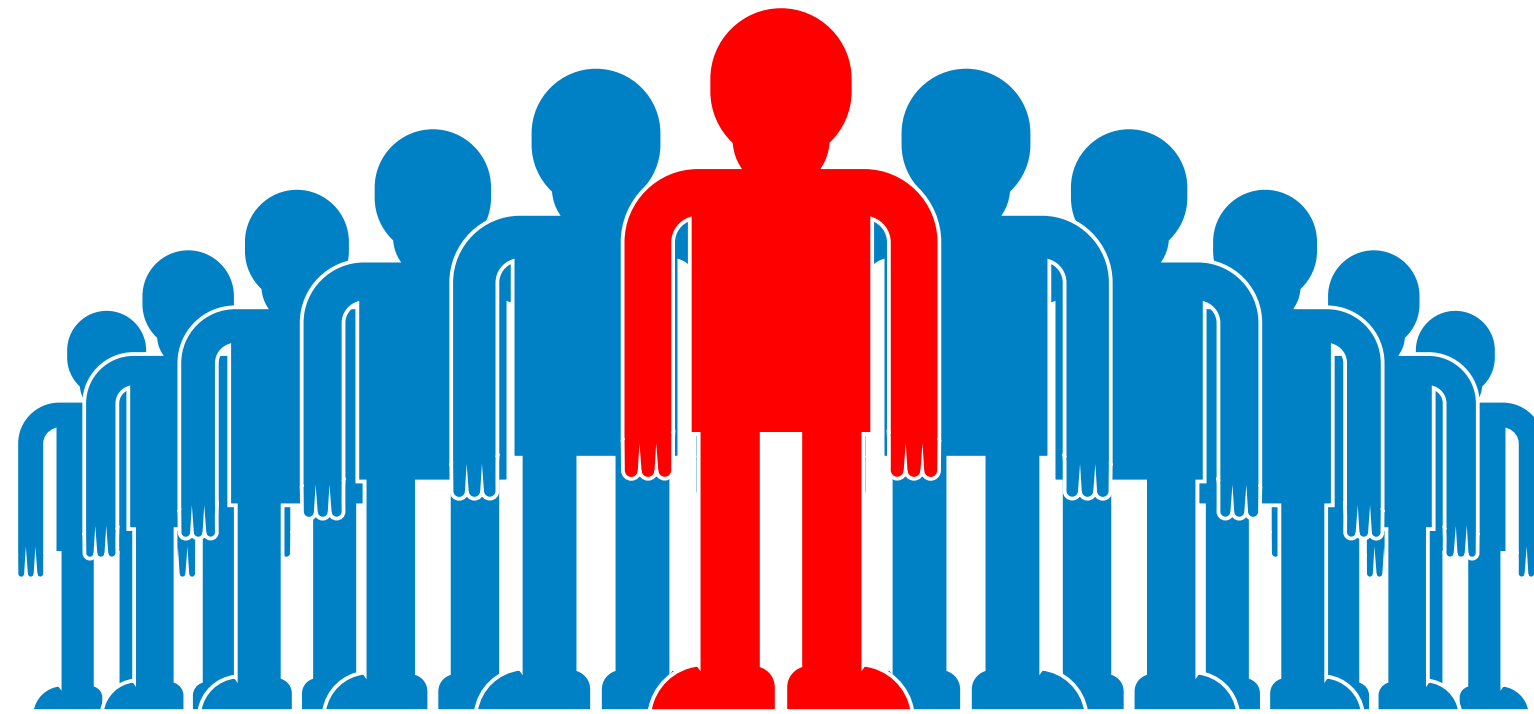
Booming St. Thomas approves two plans of subdivisions with nearly 400 homes

As St. Thomas prepares for a population boom from a manufacturing surge driven by Volkswagen's factory, city council has approved a pair of proposals that will add a total of nearly 400 new homes.

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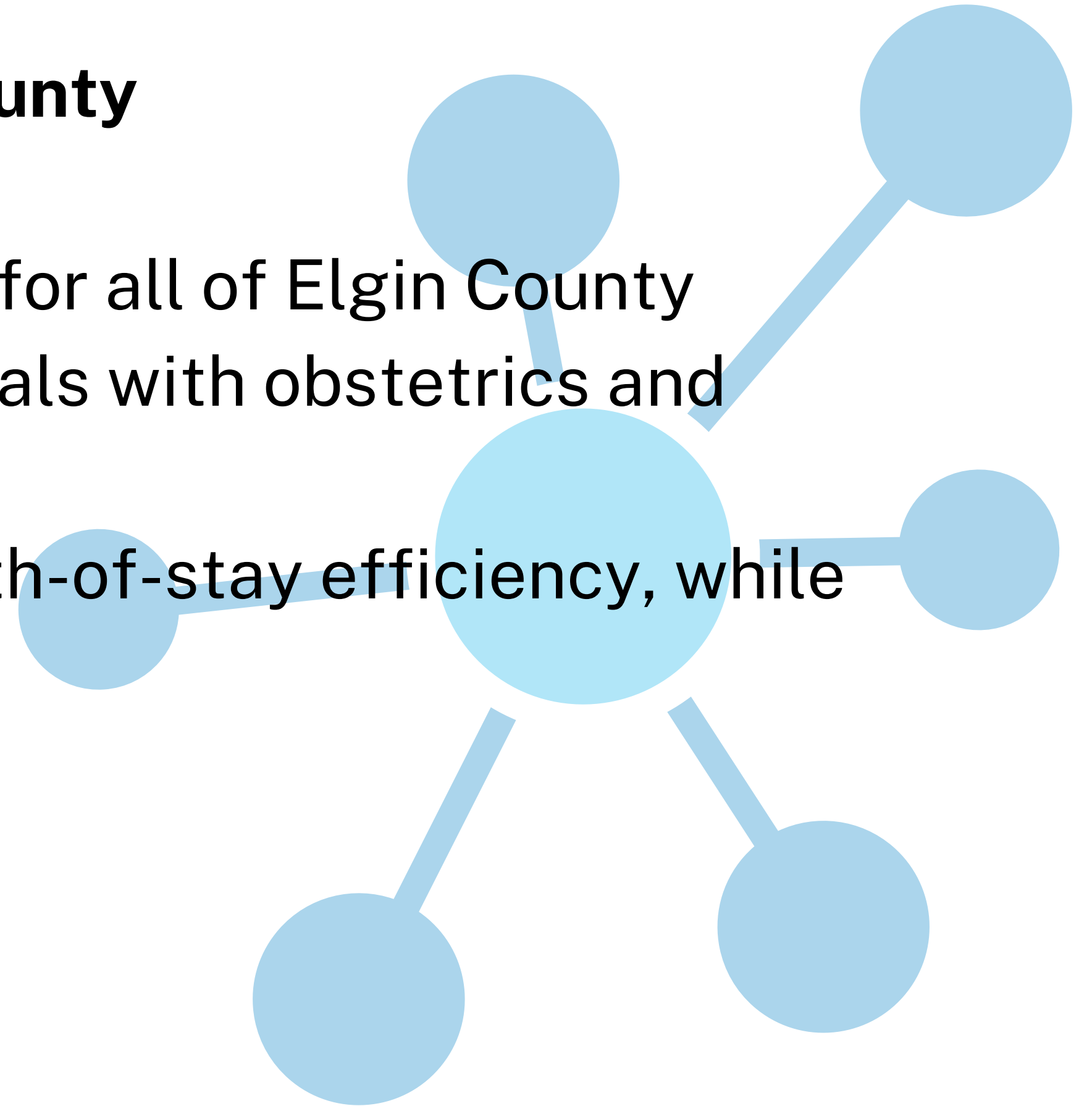
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Our Role as a Regional Leader



A Hub for Healthcare in Elgin County

- Principal healthcare provider for all of Elgin County
- Support other regional hospitals with obstetrics and emergency care
- Ranked #1 in Ontario for length-of-stay efficiency, while operating with fewer beds



Our culture is exceptional. Staff expertise, dedication, and adaptability enable us to uphold the highest standards of care.

COMPASSION

COLLABORATION

OUR VISION
Together, creating health care excellence for our community.

OUR MISSION
CARING
HEALING
CONNECTING

RESPECT

INNOVATION

ACCOUNTABILITY

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital

A group of people in business attire, with their hands clasped together in a supportive gesture. The image is overlaid with the text "IT TAKES A VILLAGE".

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[Accomplishments 2024: Video Link](#)



St. Thomas Elgin
General Hospital

Questions?