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Marla Rapoport set to retire after 40-year KMHC career

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(Kahnawake - 7, Kenténha/October 2026) Tehsakotitsèn:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) is pleased to announce the retirement of Marla Rapoport after an incredible 40 years of dedicated service to KMHC. Marla's last day will be October 16, 2026.

Marla began her career at KMHC on October 14, 1986, leading the Rehabilitation Services as KMHC's first full-time physiotherapist. Over the course of her tenure, Marla played an important role in the development and growth of rehabilitation services, helping to establish and strengthen a program that continues to provide high-quality care to the community. Her contributions and commitment have been greatly valued and appreciated by KMHC.

Marla was also recognized with the *Long-Term Service Award* from McGill University as part of its 2025–2026 *Recognition of Clinical Excellence Awards*. This award acknowledged her many years of dedication to clinical fieldwork education, as well as her outstanding commitment to mentoring and supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Also, during her time as a manager, she received certification by the First Nations Health Managers Association.

"On behalf of the entire KMHC staff and management, I'd like to offer congratulates to Marla on her remarkable career and this well-deserved milestone in her life," said Executive Director Valerie Diabo. "Her dedication and professionalism will be remembered for years to come. It's quite a legacy."

"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside so many wonderful patients, colleagues and community members over the years," Marla stated. "My time in Kahnawà:ke has been rewarding and fulfilling. I am proud of the contributions I have made, and the commitment I made from day one to provide the highest quality of care

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to our clients.

"I will take many cherished memories and friendships that I have made through the years, and look forward to my next adventure," she added.

"Niá:wen to everyone, and I wish you peace, good health and happiness."

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