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The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation's X-ray Vision that Delivers Campaign Reaches Goal! Most Ambitious Goal in Foundation's History

(Sackville) – Advanced imaging technology will soon be available at the Sackville Memorial Hospital thanks to the community coming together to raise a record **\$260,000**. These funds were used to purchase a critical **Mobile Digital X-ray Unit** (\$240,000) and a **Modern Radiology Table** (\$20,000).

An upgrade to a mobile digital unit will allow the Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) to take X-rays at the patient's bedside throughout the hospital when a patient is too ill to have their procedure completed within the Medical Imaging Department. These images are sent electronically to a Radiologist at The Moncton Hospital where they will be read to determine accurate diagnoses and to provide appropriate interventions. When the unit is not traveling throughout the hospital, it will perform general radiology examinations within the Medical Imaging Department.

Amanda Wilson, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Moncton Area, Horizon Health Network, is delighted that staff will have leading diagnostic tools to view more crisp and detailed images.

“This purchase is a huge advancement from the existing 2004 analog unit. The current unit requires the image be captured onto an X-ray cassette, which in turn has to be returned to the Medical Imaging Department for processing. The image is then validated by the technologist, ensuring the image is acceptable for physician interpretation. With this advancement in technology, turn-around time will be shortened and image quality will be vastly improved,” states Wilson.

Other advantages of a new Mobile Digital X-ray Unit include having a quick turnaround time increasing efficiencies and significantly improving workflow for MRTs eliminating the need to move heavy equipment and cassettes around. The advanced unit has an ergonomic design and offers instant low dose, high-quality image capture. In addition, all images will be available in the patient's electronic imaging record within seconds.

Campaign Chair Pat Estabrooks says she is beyond thrilled with the campaign's success.

“Our donors dug deep into their pockets to ensure that the MRTs have the best technology leading to the most accurate results for the over 9,000 radiology exams performed at the SMH each year.”

The new unit and radiology table are expected to be operational this Fall.

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