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# Focus

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## Thankful patient can't say enough about the importance of having care so close to home

27-year-old Mount Allison University Professor Jaryd Morrissey is grateful for the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) and its exceptional staff, following a successful ACL reconstructive surgery.

**"The patient experience was excellent and I was very pleased with the wait time. It was a big surgery and I felt completely comfortable prior to the operation—which was done last October—as well as the impressive post care,"** remarks Morrissey.

Morrissey is a very active person who loves playing sports. Not being able to participate, and having to wait too long to undergo an operation, would have been difficult given his lifestyle.

"Having access to a hospital so close by made it easier for post-operative check-ins. In addition, managing work expectations by not having to drive to Moncton was a huge plus."

Morrissey, who has lived in Sackville almost since birth, needed to minimize his down-time.



*Mount Allison Professor Jaryd Morrissey*

"I am a Professor (part-time lecturer) in the Commerce Department, Assistant Coach with the varsity soccer and badminton teams, and I work for University Advancement in the Alumni Engagement Office as an Events Officer. Mobility is extremely important to allow me to complete all of these overlapping tasks across campus."

**Morrissey expressed that SMH is also crucial for Mount Allison University students who don't always have the ability to drive themselves to another health care facility.**

Recovery is going very well for Morrissey who dons a knee brace. With the combined care of Dr. Mike Forsythe, Orthopedic Surgeon, and a strong physiotherapy regime administered by Soper Physiotherapy, he expects to be back to all activities in the Spring.

# Campaign for **Sophisticated Surgery Gear** to boost Day Surgery Program at SMH

**CAMPAIGN GOAL \$225,000**

When you or your loved ones need surgery, complicated or not, you want peace of mind knowing the surgical team at Horizon's Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) has the best tools for the job.

The SMH Foundation has launched the **Supporting Every Step Expanding Surgical Care** Campaign with an ambitious **\$225,000** goal, to ensure our surgical team has advanced technology to offer optimal and timely care for surgical patients. This is in addition to Horizon Health Network's \$2-million investment in the current Operating Room (OR).

For over 30 years, the SMH has been renowned for its exceptional Day Surgery Program, offering over **240** types of Orthopedic, Plastic, Urology, Vascular, Obstetrics/ Gynecology, ENT (Ear Nose Throat), and General surgeries. In fact, more than **2,000** surgical procedures were performed at our facility in a 12-month period; a significant increase over the last three years.

## **And, it's about to get better with your help.**

Ramping up the program at SMH will help alleviate the backlog of less complex day surgeries, allowing quicker access to more complex ones at The Moncton Hospital— a win-win for the broader health care system.

The purchase of an array of modern surgical gear has many benefits, including:

- Reduction in surgical wait times;
- Increased access to acute care operating time at The Moncton Hospital for larger, more acute, surgical cases;
- Availability of different types of surgeries, i.e., hip arthroscopy;
- Ensured availability of necessary equipment onsite at SMH for surgical procedures, rather than shared with The Moncton Hospital.

SMH is working to reduce wait times for New Brunswickers in need of orthopedic and ENT surgeries. This equipment will allow for an increase in the number of patients who could receive surgical care in Sackville.



**Supporting  
Every Step**

**Expanding Surgical Care**  
CAMPAIGN 2024



Funds will purchase Hip, Knee, Shoulder Arthroscopy (orthopedic) instruments, Warming Cabinet, Surgical Suction System, ENT devices, and iSimulate (a cutting-edge tool for staff which ensures they are well-prepared for a variety of medical scenarios).

Campaign Chair Carole de Ste. Croix says your support enables us to equip our local hospital with advanced surgical equipment, transforming it into an important surgical access site. **"Together we're nurturing hope, facilitating recovery, and supporting every step of a patient's journey back to wellness."**

If you would like to donate, you can contact the Foundation at 364-4205, drop by the hospital, or donate securely on-line at [smhf.ca/donate](http://smhf.ca/donate).

If the campaign goal is exceeded, any additional funds will be used on the Hospital's other priority needs.

## An Update from Horizon

# Lots of great things underway at SMH

I'm happy to share some of the great work happening at Horizon's Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) over the past few months.

Our Ambulatory Care clinics are seeing more patients! A variety of services are available at SMH, reducing the need for patients to travel outside of the area—and we are looking at opportunities to expand service offerings.

We are also exploring opportunities to enhance surgical services at SMH by providing a wider variety of surgical offerings and expanding equipment available onsite.

In February, Horizon expanded the new self-serve booking service for X-ray appointments to SMH. We are pleased to see this improved option for access to care in the Tantramar area.

Horizon continues to work on a long-term, sustainable primary care solution for the Tantramar area in partnership with the Department of Health. As this work continues, we are providing services such as monthly diabetes clinics and Pap testing clinics in April, May, and June.

Projects to enhance the hospital campus continue! Upgrades to the roof and an expansion to the parking lot have been completed and the garden project is underway.

As well, work is ongoing as we prepare to welcome Beal University Canada to our site. We look forward to

collaborating with Beal when their nursing students and faculty join the community.

Horizon is implementing a number of initiatives to enhance the employment experience of our team, and you might just see one of them if you are in the atrium! There is a cabin available for staff and physicians to relax and rejuvenate during their breaks. This pilot project, in collaboration with the Department of Health, is one of several initiatives underway to support the health and wellness of the fantastic team working at Sackville Memorial Hospital.

Recruitment continues to be an area of focus. This community has a lot to offer and those who live here are our greatest ambassadors! If you know a Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, or physician who might like to work here, send them our way through Horizon's Referral Reward program.

Thank you to the Foundation and all who support it for your ongoing commitment to the Sackville Memorial Hospital, the people working within it, and the community it serves!

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*Executive Director,  
Horizon's The Moncton Hospital  
& Sackville Memorial Hospital*



## DONATION FORM

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*thank you!*





## Fener's Place Gives to SMH

Fener's Place, a vibrant family business run by Soze and Nizar Hussein, wants to give back to the community. The Syrian family from Lebanon opened the Kurdish restaurant on Bridge Street in 2021. For every 16" pizza that was ordered at Fener's Place from October to December, \$1 was pledged to donate to the SMH Foundation. This resulted in a \$361 contribution. Thank you to the Hussein family!

In pic, from left to right: Bill Evans, SMH Foundation Chair, with young entrepreneurs Simav, Fener, and Lilav Hussein.



## Grateful Patient Honours Late Husband

Edmond Daniel Koch was foremost a gentleman and a mentor. The talented architect and tireless community leader passed away suddenly in 2022. His wife of 56 years, Dr. Ginette Gagné-Koch, has had two surgical procedures at SMH. She was so impressed with her experience that she decided to make a generous gift in honour of her late husband in support of the Foundation's new campaign.

In pic: Bill Evans, SMH Foundation Chair, receives a generous donation from Dr. Ginette Gagné-Koch.

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## Staff Education: A Foundation Priority

The following Horizon Health Network staff were awarded funds since September 2023, which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership between the Foundation and the SMH Auxiliary. **Close to \$4,000 was invested in the staff education opportunities below.**

Staff person	Department	Participated in
Cynthia Belliveau, Diabetic Nurse Educator	Diabetic Clinic, Sackville	1. Thrive Nursing Conference 2. Diabetes Education
Danielle Melanson, LPN	Brunswick Unit	Swan Skin Wellness Associate Program –Online
Briane Brown, RN	Emergency	Leadership in Health Care Program
Josée LeBlanc, Physiotherapist	Physiotherapy	Female Urinary Issues Course
Akhila Simon, RN	Operating Room	Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation is to raise funds and administer its resources to preserve, maintain and enhance the quality of health care in the Tantramar region.