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Expanding Surgical Care

CAMPAIGN 2024

Campaign for sophisticated surgical gear will boost the already thriving Day Surgery Program at the Sackville Memorial Hospital

(Sackville) - When you or your loved one needs 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 its **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. In comparison to the last three years, we have shown a significant increase.

And it's about to get better with the community's 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.

"Enhancing surgical services at community hospitals like SMH is a key part of our vision for improving health care for all New Brunswickers," said Christa Wheeler-Thorne, Executive Director for the Moncton area. "We are grateful for the Foundation donors who will help make this possible, and we look forward to the benefits this equipment will bring to staff, physicians and, most noteworthy, our patients."

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.

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

Campaign Chair Carolle 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 www.smhf.ca/donate.

If the campaign goal is exceeded, the additional funds will be used on the Hospital’s other priority needs. Our Hospital. Our Health Care.

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