



Inside Your New Emergency Department

In December 2015, the new Hospital will open and thanks to you and all our generous donors it will immediately improve the way patient care is delivered in Oakville. The 1.6 million square foot facility has been designed with you in mind. Patients will have more control, more privacy, and more space.

A great example of this new way of thinking is the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department in the current hospital is 15,000 square feet, too small for our growing community. In the new Hospital, the Emergency Department will be three times as large with 45,000 square feet of space dedicated for patients in need of urgent care.

“The Emergency Department in the current Hospital was built in 1995 and designed for a patient population that we have greatly exceeded. It doesn’t have the physical capacity that is required to manage our current patient population,” said Dr. Lorne Martin, Chief of Staff for Halton Healthcare Services and Medical



^ Construction of the Emergency Department at the new Oakville Hospital site.

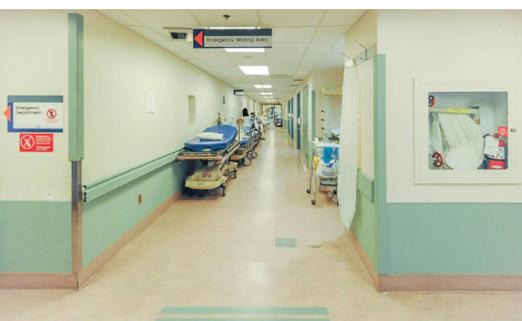
Director of Emergency Services at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. “The state-of-the-art Emergency Department in the new Hospital will offer more single patient rooms, full airborne isolation rooms, a helipad right outside the door for transfer of critically ill patients, and tremendous enhancements in dignity, comfort, and privacy for our patients.”

Not only will the Emergency Department be more spacious, it will also function more efficiently. Stepping into the new Emergency Department, the first change you will notice is that the main waiting area is considerably smaller than the current site. This was carefully planned. The waiting area has been designed to triage patients into the area they will be cared for in as quickly as possible. There will be five triage and registration stations as opposed to the one triage and two registration desks

at the current site. This means that care will come to the patient instead of the patient moving back and forth to care. If the triage nurses know certain tests will be required, the lab technician will be able to take the samples to get those tests started earlier.

The new Emergency Department is divided into zones so patients can go to a specific area for care. This will allow physicians to treat patients with fractures and minor injuries in a different area from those with pneumonia – so they don’t go home with both. Treatment areas that are today sectioned off by curtains will be replaced with rooms that are fitted with glass doors that become opaque with the flick of a switch.

Throughout the new Hospital you will find a facility designed for better care and thanks to you it will also have the best medical equipment. Donor support has provided OTMH with essential funding of equipment for more than 65 years. “The MRI is a good example of a diagnostic tool we didn’t always have and the only reason we have access to MRI services is because of the support of our donors,” shared Dr. Martin. This and our talented radiologists really changed healthcare...



^ Current Emergency Department at OTMH.

...in Oakville and the MRI has now become a day to day routine diagnostic device. Over the years, donations also enabled OTMH to stay at the medical forefront by acquiring items such as a digital mammography unit and an additional CT scanner.

Although the opening of the new hospital will bring significant improvements to the community, support from donors will always be needed. "Government funding does not provide for clinical equipment," said Dr. Martin. "Every MRI, every CT scanner, every scope, every x-ray machine, every monitor, every ECG machine, every IV pump, these are all provided by local donations. Medicine continues to advance and change every year and implementing new tools and new treatments is a costly endeavor that requires support from the community."

Looking to the long-term future, Dr. Martin believes the clinical practice



^ New Oakville Hospital Emergency Department Waiting Room.

of surgical robotics is the next development in terms of minimally invasive practices. "We have not embarked on this yet but we have created the capacity in the new hospital for surgical robotics."

For now, Dr. Martin and the rest of the Hospital team are preparing for the

move to the new facility and grateful for the donors who have helped bring this new Hospital to Oakville. "I believe the state of a hospital's clinical equipment reflects the support of the community. For the entire time I have been at OTMH we have always had state of the art equipment and that is because of donor support." ■

Give the Gift of A Warm Hug

If you've ever wrapped a blanket around yourself when you are sick you know how comforting it can be. For patients, receiving a heated blanket is like getting a warm hug just when they need it most. Now you can help spread warmth to your friends, family and neighbours by equipping Oakville's new hospital with much needed blanket warming cabinets. You'll give warmth to the mother chilled by the

lifesaving chemotherapy drugs she is receiving in our new cancer clinic; help calm the nervous grandfather waiting for his day surgery procedure in pre-op and give comfort to the sick child snuggled up with her family in our Paediatric unit.

By becoming a Warm Hug Club member you'll join a special group of families and donors whose "warm

hugs" will comfort thousands of healing patients on their road to recovery. Your donation of \$5,000, along with the support of other club members, will help raise \$450,000 to purchase 38 warming cabinets for the new Hospital. We can help you decide on a donation payment schedule that works for you. In fact, many Warm Hug Club members have chosen to pledge their gift over five years reducing their donations to \$84 monthly, \$250 quarterly, or \$1,000 yearly.

To date, 58 families have joined the Warm Hug Club providing enough funds to purchase 23 of the 38 cabinets needed. Your help is urgently needed before our new Hospital opens its doors later this year. For more information about this program, please contact Mandy Walsh, Director of Development and Finance at 905.338.4352. ■



Technological Advancements You'll See at the New Hospital Thanks to a \$500,000 Donation

Thanks to a \$500,000 gift from the Samuel Family Foundation, caregivers at the new Hospital will have access to sophisticated technology that will enable them to stay connected to their patients and give them secure and faster access to vital patient information.

The donation will launch two new electronic initiatives for the Hospital. First, the implementation of a leading-edge nurse call system will revolutionize the way care is delivered in the new Hospital. The technologically advanced system will send alerts to mobile devices carried by nurses enabling immediate two-way communication between a nurse and a patient. The mobile devices will also be able to detect bed exit alarms where appropriate. The nurse call panel, located at each bedside, includes an embedded speaker/microphone which is connected to the nurse's mobile phone when the nurse call is activated by the patient.

The second system to be launched with this gift will be a single sign-on (SSO) program that will give healthcare providers secure, quick access to multiple work stations. It is estimated that a healthcare provider logs into workstations approximately 70 times a day which is equal to approximately 45 minutes of time spent on unnecessary

computer clicks. The new system will replace manual entry of usernames and passwords with no click access by a tap in/tap out method using a hospital ID badge. This permits a nurse or physician to start a session on one computer and then travel to any other computer, tap their ID badge and retrieve their session, which is stored on a server in the data center.

"The Samuel Family has supported OTMH for more than a decade, funding our first MRI and more recently our Mental Wellness Navigator Program and the new Hospital's equipment needs," said Campaign Co-Chair Eve Willis. "We are incredibly grateful to the Samuel Family Foundation for their extraordinary gift and in recognition of their generosity, the Surgical Day Care Recovery area in the new Hospital will be named in their honour."

"We feel that incorporating technology and cutting edge tools in the delivery of service will be an important advancement for the Hospital and for patient care which, in turn, is central to our charitable priorities," said Mark Samuel.

"The Samuel Family Foundation's investment in technology for our new Hospital will have an immediate and direct benefit for our patients," said Tina Triano, CEO of the Oakville



^ Kevin Sanford and Mark Samuel of the Samuel Family Foundation.

Hospital Foundation. "These two cutting-edge initiatives will give our nurses and other healthcare providers more time to do what they do best and that is helping patients recover." ■

Upcoming Events

We have some fun events planned for 2015 that will help us raise funds for our new Hospital. Visit us online at oakvillehospitalfoundation.com regularly to get the latest information on all our events including these returning favourites!

Kurl for Kids
April 2 to 4, 2015
www.kurlforkids.com

Birmingham Bank Bed Challenge
Sunday, May 3, 2015
www.bankbedchallenge.com

Tour de Halton
Saturday, May 30, 2015
www.tourdehalton.com

OTMH Sunset Cinema
Friday, June 12, 2015
www.otmhsunsetcinema.com

Derek and Peggy Horsey: How We Give

Derek and Peggy Horsey know what it takes for a hospital to provide excellent patient care. As monthly donors for the past nine years, their regular contributions are giving caregivers the essential equipment they need to treat patients.

The Horseys emigrated from England more than fifty years ago to build a life together in Oakville. Over the years they have experienced happy occasions at OTMH (the birth of their daughter and three grandsons) and difficult moments (physiotherapy treatments following a car accident and the death of Derek's mother, Florence). Through it all, they remain passionate supporters. "This outstanding Hospital deserves accolades for the quality of care and compassion that is delivered by the staff, physicians, and volunteers each and every day," said Peggy Horsey. "In all my years in Oakville, I have never met an OTMH doctor who wasn't caring."

But it takes more than compassionate staff to provide quality care. Derek and Peggy know that their donations and the support of others truly make a difference. Donations from our monthly donors are directed to items on the hospital's priority equipment list and departments with the greatest need. "I always tell people that the Oakville Hospital Foundation's job is to accumulate donations to accommodate healthcare. Unless we all give, we can't expect results," said Peggy.

Like most people in Oakville, they eagerly await the opening of the new

Hospital. The new Hospital will be more than three times the size of the current facility and offer new and expanded services such as a Cancer and Medical Day Care Clinic.

"The new Hospital will be wonderful but Derek and I know it will always need equipment," said Peggy. "Equipment needs to be replaced and if the new Hospital doesn't keep up, we all lose." It is why they vow to continue their monthly donations and hope that others will join them. "If you give every month it becomes a good habit and makes it easy to budget," added Derek. "No gifts are too small, especially if they are regularly given."

Thank you, Derek and Peggy for your dedicated support. ■

Giving monthly is easy and cost-effective. You choose the amount you want to give and you can change or cancel your gift at any time. Contributions will be deducted from your chequing account or charged to your credit card each month. Your pre-authorized payments will ensure reliable funding throughout the year for our hospital while helping us reduce costs for postage and printing.

If you are interested in joining Derek and Peggy and would like to become a monthly donor, please contact Paula Silveira at 905-338-4642.

▼ Derek and Peggy Horsey.



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