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Campbellford Memorial Hospital Goes Digital New Digital X-Ray Ready to Receive Patients

For Immediate Release – January 11, 2021 – A significant piece of new equipment has arrived at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH). The new digital X-Ray, which arrived just before the holidays, is now fully operational and began seeing patients today (January 11, 2021).

The digital X-Ray, which was funded by the generosity of more than 900 community donors, replaced an older Computed Radiography (CR) unit that used digital cassette to process examinations.

The new system uses advanced digital technology to directly capture high-quality images and immediately transfer them to a computer system. This means faster and uninterrupted patient access, as well as decreased radiation exposure for patients.

“We are very excited to have this new, state of the art X-Ray suite at CMH,” said Ken Graham, CMH Interim Manager of Diagnostic Imaging. “This means, improved image quality on our end, and faster access for patients at CMH.”

X-Ray bookings at CMH as well as CT and Ultrasound, which were on a reduced schedule since mid-March due to the pandemic, are once again operating at pre-COVID levels. “We have the lowest wait times in the region,” said Varouj Eskedjian, CEO of CMH. “This digital X-Ray will ensure we continue with this trend and are able to offer the best patient-care to our community.” Current wait times for Urgent Ultrasound and General Radiography is within the next business day. Routine Procedures in both modalities are currently under five business days. At this time, urgent CT is five business days and non-urgent is ten business days.

The CMH Foundation’s campaign to replace the CR Unit began in August of 2019, as part of the Foundation’s two and a half year, \$2.5 million **Bedside Care Campaign** for the purchase of new equipment for the hospital. A total of \$600,000 was raised by more than 900 donors to replace the aging, CR Unit, perform the necessary building renovations and provide Clinical Information System (or Information Technology) supports.

“Time and Time again the community shows us how important the hospital is to them,” said Brooklyn Allan, Chair, CMH Foundation. “The campaign for the new digital X-Ray machine proved this, and we can’t thank the donors enough for supporting the purchase of this critical diagnostic tool.” Currently the CMH Foundation is fundraising for the purchase of a new **Cardiac Telemetry Monitoring System** for the hospital. The new system will cost \$500,000. For more information or to make a donation contact the Foundation office at 705-653-1140 ext. 2104 or www.givetocmh.ca.

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