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Queensway Carleton
Hospital Foundation



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO UPGRADE OUR 11 SURGICAL SUITES

“Investments in equipment and innovation will benefit every patient who comes through the OR doors, from simple diagnostic procedures to life-saving emergency care.”

Dr. Joel Weaver, General Surgeon, Queensway Carleton Hospital

A donation of \$150,000 will revitalize an entire operating room



Tens of thousands of patients rely on Queensway Carleton Hospital's surgical teams each year, from simple diagnostic procedures to life-saving emergency care. With one of Ottawa's busiest emergency departments and our regionally renowned Total Joint Assessment Clinic (TJAC), our services are in demand now, more than ever.

To ensure we meet this growing need, and continue to advance surgery and patient care for our community, it is essential that we have the best and latest surgical equipment. This is why we are calling on you to help us upgrade our 11 surgical suites. Your generosity is key to improving outcomes for every patient.

Our surgical suites are located in the Garrett Family Surgical Centre, the most up-to-date wing of our hospital. However, our operating equipment requires upgrading.

We need to revitalize our operating rooms with new overhead booms, lighting, cabling, and monitors. Our surgical teams need new equipment, such as surgical tables, scopes, and operating tools.

These upgrades will provide the best resolution for camera assisted surgeries, and allow us to continue to take advantage of newer and better technologies. These advances will help us attract and retain the best and brightest surgical talent. And, new equipment combined with new technologies will allow for improved and added services that reduce patient wait times, build capacity, and most importantly, improve outcomes for our patients.

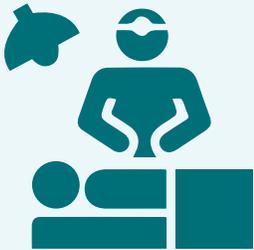
With your generous support we will continue to advance surgery and patient care at Queensway Carleton Hospital, to save even more lives.

COMMUNITY FUNDING IS THE SOLUTION

DID YOU KNOW? Our government provides operating money for our surgical program but does not fund the purchase of new equipment. Our patients rely on you, our generous community, to support these vital needs.



QUEENSWAY CARLETON HOSPITAL SURGERY



25,000 +

Surgeries
per year



58%

of all elective surgical
patients return home after
just one day - allowing
them to recover more
comfortably at home

TOP 3

Inpatient Surgeries:

- 1) Knee replacement
- 2) Hip replacement
- 3) Hysterectomy

Day Surgeries:

- 1) Hernia Repair
- 2) Gynecological Surgeries
- 3) Gallbladder Removal



REGIONAL LEADER

for joint replacement surgery



The Total Joint Assessment

Clinic (TJAC) launched in
2007 was the first of its
kind for the region



**A partner in the Champlain
LHIN's Regional Hip and Knee
Replacement Program**

(RHKRP) which is a leading model
of care program for all of Ontario

Receive

7,000+
REFERRALS

a year to our RHKRP
central intake centre

WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



“With this new technology, we can speed up the treatment process. A post-surgery hospital stay of 7 days is now 3 or 4, meaning the patient can go home sooner, to recover more comfortably surrounded by family.”

Dr. Joel Weaver, General Surgeon, Queensway Carleton Hospital

Dr. Weaver is one of the 50 surgeons at Queensway Carleton Hospital. They perform more than 25,000 operations each year.

While the physical space in the OR is big and bright, Dr. Weaver says the equipment needs updating. In fact, a lot of it hasn't changed since the OR doubled in size back in 2007 – which is unfortunately very common in hospitals. “It's all safe. But it's definitely time.”

As a general surgeon, Dr. Weaver says the introduction of minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery has made the biggest impact on his practice.

“It has changed the landscape for all surgeons and, more importantly, for our patients. We can get them out of the hospital quicker, with smaller incisions, less pain and faster recoveries.”

Dr. Weaver says the new ORs will have a similar impact. “It's the new standard of care,” he says.

The renovated ORs will also offer a more efficient design, with technology close at hand. Surgical teams will have the better-resolution cameras which Dr. Weaver says will be a great improvement. “With better lighting and monitors, I have a better threshold to work in and can avoid having to potentially move from a laparoscopic procedure to a more-invasive operation.”

And Dr. Weaver says Queensway Carleton Hospital's focus on joint replacement surgery means these improvements are more important than ever. Queensway Carleton Hospital is a regional partner in the Champlain Regional Hip and Knee Replacement Program and a leader in people-centred advances in orthopedic surgery. This surgery includes hip, knee and shoulder replacements. “It's a good news story and we want to ensure we have the best possible equipment and environment to serve these patients.”



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Steve Periard, Operating Room Clinical Manager, Queensway Carleton Hospital

As Queensway Carleton Hospital’s Operating Room Clinical Manager, Steve leads a team of more than 75 specially trained staff. He says they are excited about the changes ahead. The revitalization of the 11 surgical suites will provide an opportunity to do more for patients with new equipment, updated tools and even better lighting.

“We have some exceptional physicians at our hospital who have used high-end equipment in other places. Now, they want that here. It may not sound glamorous but when a surgeon has proper lighting and visualization, he or she can see things much more clearly. That makes everyone’s job easier.”

Right now, Steve says that nurses are sometimes forced to try and make quick fixes on the fly. It could involve adjusting the monitor or wiggling

a cord to solve the issue. He likens it to the rabbit ears on old televisions. “You constantly tweaked them to get the best picture image. Soon we will have the best high definition view in the OR!”

“We take pride in the services we provide and the refurbished ORs will only strengthen that,” he says.

“It’s going to be awesome and we can’t thank our donors enough for their support. Every single patient will benefit.”

YOUR IMPACT



Rishika Aggarwal, Queensway Carleton Hospital Donor and Surgical Patient

Born and raised in Barrhaven, Rishika's connections to Queensway Carleton Hospital are many. Early on in high school, she decided she might want to be a doctor, so she shadowed Dr. Andrew Falconer for a day in Emergency.

Her second encounter with the hospital was in Grade 12 - and not nearly as fun. Rishika had an emergency appendectomy after waking up in the middle of the night in excruciating pain. "As soon as I arrived at Queensway Carleton Hospital I knew I was in good hands. The staff treated my mother and I with the highest levels of professionalism and care and made sure to address every concern. It made all the difference during a very stressful time for the both of us.

The procedure was done laparoscopically, with less pain and faster recovery time. "I can't stress enough how important it is that Queensway Carleton Hospital has the equipment, resources and people to provide world-class care. You never know when you or a loved one will need it."

"I was perfectly healthy the day before and never anticipated that I might need an emergency operation. Going into the OR that day was terrifying, but I was comforted by the doctors and nurses who assured me that I was in good hands."

Rishika now realizes the importance of supporting health care close to home. She says that people are always surprised to learn that the provincial government does not fund the purchase of vital hospital equipment. That is why the Surgical Services campaign is so necessary.

"When you are being rolled into the OR, the equipment and monitors in the room should be the least of your concerns. It should be a given that your doctor has the best tools available to do their job."



Clement Gariepy, Queensway Carleton Hospital Surgical Patient

Clement is one of more than 25,000 patients who visited Queensway Carleton Hospital's operating suites last year. "To me, it's a bar of gold. If I ever need anything, that is where I'll go." In fact, Clement posted on his Facebook page immediately after his procedure:

“The staff at Queensway Carleton Hospital has been exceptional and we are so lucky to have in Ottawa such a friendly and dedicated team of specialists in such an institution. My thanks to my surgeon and anesthetist who performed miracles on me. Now in Recovery and will be just as good as new within two months.”

Clement says his hernia surgery was a textbook case and went like clockwork. "I did a lot of research and I looked at all the possible

complications. Dr. Monaghan was the best doctor I could have. I was so impressed with how everything went."

He was also impressed with the care. "At Queensway Carleton Hospital, they don't look at patients as part of an assembly line. They pay attention to each one. Every patient is unique with unique needs. It gives you a good feeling to be in a place like that."

And there's one more reason why Clement thinks we should all support healthcare close to home. He has three children, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild and most of them live near the hospital. He says it is comforting to know that these services will be available when required. "We are all getting older and, at some point, we will all need Queensway Carleton Hospital. I'm so grateful it is there."



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