



## A message from board executive member Dr. Mark MacMillan

As a physician, anytime we can improve the level of service and reduce wait-time for our patients, it's a reason to celebrate. After the Chalmers Foundation's recent fundraising campaign, we're able to do just that.

A total of 1,100 Fredericton and area donors came together to raise an outstanding \$610,000 for the **Bridging Excellence Campaign** for surgical and endoscopic enhancements. Now, we're seeing the fruits of those labours with seven new pieces of specialized equipment at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital (DECRH).

This includes a Holmium Yag Laser, Portable Ultrasound with Transducers, Gamma Detection Probe, ENT Navigation System, Endoscopy Cabinets, Motility Catheter and Electrosurgical Generator upgrade.

These seven new pieces of equipment will enable patients with kidney stones, breast cancer, sinus issues, swallowing difficulties, gastrointestinal issues, and those waiting for an MRI to be helped faster and more efficiently.

From the perspective of a gastroenterologist, I can't begin to tell you how important this equipment is as a health professional.

Most of all, the improvements to patient care is what I'm really excited about.

I want to tell each donor who contributed to this campaign that we appreciate your help, and your generosity truly makes a difference. Every dollar you contribute to the Chalmers Foundation stays here at your hospital making an impact every day.

Thank you!





Dr. Thomas Barnhill (left) and his colleagues Michelle Smith and Stacey MacLeod in the fracture clinic proudly show off the new portable ultrasound machine.

## Doctor says new equipment is, 'a real value to the community'

Thanks to your donations to the **Bridging Excellence Campaign**, you've given healthcare professionals better tools to work with.

Dr. Jill Hudson says the new Holmium Yag Laser is a huge addition because the existing laser was getting too old and increasingly difficult to maintain. A Yag Laser is used by urologists for precise lasering of stones in the ureter, kidney or bladder.

"It's one of those things that if you don't need it, it's fine, but when you have a kidney stone, you want it to be there right now," said the urologist who works at Horizon's DECRH. "If you ever had a family member with a kidney stone, or been a person with a kidney stone, you can appreciate the before and after of what a laser can do for you."

The laser helps urologists to treat patients on a non-urgent basis and for emergency surgery on patients at night and on weekends. There had been only one Holmium Yag Laser in all of Horizon Health Network's Zone 3 to serve all patients.

In the case of Dr. Thomas Barnhill, the new portable ultrasound machine is already a regular tool to confirm diagnosis of injuries such as rotator cuff tears.

"It's a great addition for our patient care in that it's going to shorten wait times for MRI studies," said the orthopedic surgeon.

The outpatient orthopedic clinic at the DECRH is one of the busiest clinics in the hospital, assessing over 60 patients daily. Because the machine is able to make an accurate diagnosis during the first visit, repeat visits to the hospital are less likely.

"I'm hoping people will see this as a real value to the community," said Dr. Barnhill.



## We couldn't have done it without the generosity of our donors!

Thank you to all our donors who made the Bridging Excellence Campaign a success. All of this wouldn't have been possible without your generosity.

You, the donor, can continue to make a difference by supporting our latest project. The Chalmers Foundation is focusing on establishing a Mental Health Safe Room in the Emergency Department of Horizon's DECRH. To support this project, or learn about other initiatives we're working on, please visit our website [www.chalmersfoundation.com](http://www.chalmersfoundation.com) for more information and to make a donation online.

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