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Caring Connections

An update for Friends Supporters

Friends Foundation Exceeds Goal Enabling Purchase of Third Unit to Help with the Early Detection of Breast Cancer

With over \$1.5 Million raised, The Moncton Hospital (TMH) will soon be home to two 3D Screening Units as well as the third required 3D Diagnostic Unit. This was made possible as Master Packaging graciously donated \$550,000 towards the cost of one of the Screening Units allowing for a complete transition from a conventional (2D Image) to Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (3D image) technology for all patients undergoing breast imaging.

The purchase of the Diagnostic Unit will bring contrast enhanced mammography to patients at TMH much sooner than originally anticipated. This new development in breast imaging involves administration of a special dye intravenously, which makes areas of particular concern stand out on the mammogram. These cutting-edge imaging tools will result in more accurate diagnoses, reducing the need for follow-up visits, decreasing unnecessary biopsies, enhancing critical information required by breast surgeons, and speeding up the overall diagnostic process, improving breast cancer detection and diagnosis for all patients.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Martel,
Radiologist and Co-Clinical

Department Head at TMH, says this state-of-the-art technology is a game-changer allowing for superior imaging and more confident assessment of breast abnormalities at an earlier stage, ultimately saving lives.

“Detecting and treating cancer earlier, before it has spread, is one of the most impactful ways to decrease mortality. The addition of contrast enhanced mammography, made possible by the purchase of the third unit, will allow us to further up our game and provide truly sophisticated care for our patients.”

The current two Screening Units located in the Katherine Wright Centre (KWC), and the Diagnostic Unit located in Medical Imaging, were purchased by the Foundation in 2008.

Over 10,000 patients are screened at the KWC annually, while an additional 3,200 exams are performed at TMH's Diagnostic Imaging Department.

The screening units are due to arrive in the fall while the diagnostic unit is expected in 2023.

