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Media Release

Advanced Digital Slide Scanner to Help Diagnose Cancer to be Purchased with NB Doctors Cycling Against Cancer Ride Funds

*The Moncton Hospital will be the **First Hospital Laboratory in New Brunswick to Acquire this Ground-Breaking Technology***



Moncton, NB – Cancer care will be a little less complicated for patients at Horizon’s The Moncton Hospital (TMH) thanks to a record setting NB Doctors Cycling Against Cancer Ride. The \$100,000 raised in the solo ride, which was adapted due to Covid-19, will go towards the purchase of an advanced **digital slide scanner** to assist Pathologists in detecting cancer.

This device, which has a price tag of \$235,000, will enhance turnaround time for test results, allowing patients to receive diagnosis and treatment options more quickly. Right now, the patient samples requiring consultation are sent out of province via courier for review by expert Pathologists. This can mean delays impacting patient diagnoses and treatment. Pathologist Dr. Jaime Snowdon is delighted that The Moncton Hospital will be the first hospital laboratory in New Brunswick to acquire this game-changing equipment.

“Every pathology diagnosis, from cancer to Crohn’s disease, is made by a Pathologist looking at patient samples. For many complex cases, we rely on the expertise of Pathologists outside of New Brunswick in order to make the correct diagnosis. A slide scanner allows us to take a high-quality digital picture of patient samples which can be shared with these experts instantly,” remarks Dr. Snowdon.

Dr. Snowdon says a faster turn-around time is critical to expedite a patient’s treatment, improve patient care and potentially save lives. TMH sends out about 300 consultations per year.

The modern technology will be entirely donor funded from money raised through the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation’s NB Doctors Cycling Against Cancer Ride. This event is a physician-led bicycle trek supporting the Sheldon H. Rubin Oncology Clinic and inpatient unit at The Moncton Hospital. To make a donation visit www.FriendsFoundation.ca/Donate.

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The Friends of The Moncton Hospital is the philanthropic arm of The Moncton Hospital. We work to inspire giving to fund new technologies, innovation, renovated spaces and placing the right tools in the hands of our medical staff to strengthen patient care.

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