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# WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL FRONTLINE TRIBUNE

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#### WRH's Use of Robotics for Surgical Procedures Positioned to Grow

Revolutionary technology that has allowed for safe, quality surgical procedures and faster recoveries for prostate cancer patients over the past six years will soon be put to use for kidney procedures.

The multi-million dollar da Vinci® Surgical Robot was delivered to Windsor Regional Hospital on July 8, 2014, and after several months of preparation, the first procedure was completed September 11, 2014. Since that time, an average of 50 prostate cancer patients per year have benefited from this state-of-the-art equipment as part of the Dr. Richard Boyd Regional Comprehensive Men's Health Program and Windsor Regional Hospital. An anticipated 2,600 Canadian men will undergo a Robotic Assisted Prostatectomy in 2019 and this minimally invasive treatment option typically leads to fewer side effects and faster recovery times. This innovative technology right here in Windsor also means patients don't have to travel large distances to access this technology.

Now, WRH is proud to announce plans to expand their Robotic Assisted Surgery Program to include partial nephrectomies, a procedure which removes part of the kidney to prevent potential spreading of cancer while retaining kidney function. Under standard invasive surgical procedures, patient recovery time can take many weeks; it is anticipated that by using the da Vinci® Surgical Robot, recovery times will improve significantly, as will a patient's length of stay in the hospital.

The expansion of the use of this technology will allow for 25 partial nephrectomies per year, on top of the 50 prostate cancer procedures completed annually.

"We are delighted to be in a position to achieve further benefits for our patients through the additional use of this incredible technology," said WRH President and CEO David Musyj, noting that this expansion could not have been possible without private donations to fund the cost of supplies to cover the additional expenses. "We are excited to enter this next chapter in da Vinci's legacy here at WRH."

Minogue Medical who distributes the technology in Canada and provides clinical and technical

support notes, "We are excited to expand our partnership with Windsor Regional Hospital to help provide more patients with minimally invasive surgery. The da Vinci Surgical Robotic programs enable hospitals to provide not only better outcomes and a better patient experience but a better provider experience at a lower cost of care."

The da Vinci technology first arrived thanks to an aggressive fundraising campaign that was launched in June 2012. In April 2014, The Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation wrapped up its "It's In Your Jeans" campaign raising over \$5.4 million, with the centrepiece the da Vinci® Surgical Robot.







#### **OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

**WRH Family Giving Campaign**Met & Ouellette Campuses

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
Wear Your Purple Day for Osteoporosis

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
Remembrance Day

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Universal Children's Day

Adventure Bay, 400 Pitt Street West, Windsor

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

Christmas Craftmania

Ciociaro Club, 3745 North Talbot Rd, Windsor

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

**Cancer Education Day** 

Ciociaro Club, 3745 North Talbot Rd, Windsor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019 Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

New Year's Day

# know?

The streets around the Met Campus are named after first World War battle sites – Lens, Alsace, Vimy and Somme to name only a few. All streets named after First and Second World War battle sites have a poppy on them.

The Battle of Hill 70 was fought in Lens, France.



# **Medical Radiation Technologist Week**

This week is Medical Radiation Technologist (MRT) Week, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Medical Radiation Technologists across Canada. These nationally certified technologists and therapists are committed to delivering compassionate care to patients, while delivering critical "high-tech" services to physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Sponsored by the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) and its provincial partners, MRT Week shines a spotlight on this dynamic area of healthcare to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions of the professionals involved in the clinical applications of medical radiation technology.

The MRT profession today includes a diverse array of highly-trained professionals representing various disciplines in medical imaging and radiation therapy.

For more information about the MRT profession in Canada, visit <a href="https://www.imageofcare.ca">www.imageofcare.ca</a>. For information about CAMRT and its provincial associations, visit <a href="https://www.camrt.ca">www.camrt.ca</a>.

# **WRH Receives Healthy Workplace Award**

Windsor Regional Hospital was recently recognized with a Diamond Level Gord Smith Health Workplace Award.

Participating in the programs ensures that we keep employee wellness at the forefront each year.

The Healthy Lifestyles committee was presented with the award at a ceremony held at the Fogolar Furlan Club on Thursday, October 31, 2019.



# VENDORS ON DISPLAY

November 4 - 8, 2019

#### **MET CAMPUS:**

Freak Parade, Accessorize it, Barb's Healthcare, Funky Living, Thermacorp, Crystal Clear Jewellery, A Touch of Swede, MR Boutique

#### **OUELLETTE CAMPUS:**

Freak Parade, Robert Bishop Artwork, Thermacorp

Please note: Vendors subject to change.

#### **INTRODUCING NEW FACES AT WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL**



Shaun Frisby-Barrow

MEDICAL RADIATION
TECHNOLOGIST

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING



Stephanie Dawson
REGISTERED NURSE
NEONATAL INTENSIVE
CARE PROGRAM



Breanne Anderson

BUSINESS OFFICE

CLERK
FINANCE



Lucas Barbosa
DISCHARGE TEAM
VOLUNTEER
SERVICES

# **Relationship Protocol Signing with Bkejwanong First Nation**

Last week, WRH and the Erie St. Clair Regional Cancer program had the opportunity to participate in the relationship signing between Cancer Care Ontario and the Bkejwanong Territory.

The event was held at the Governance Building in Bkejwanong Territory, also known as Walpole Island. The translation of Bkejwanong means 'where the waters divide'.

At the event, CEO David Musyj brought greetings on behalf of Windsor Regional Hospital and the Erie St. Clair Regional Cancer Program.

"Today, in this beautiful place 'where the waters divide,' we stand united with a common goal of addressing the impact of cancer," Musyj told the group of community members and healthcare providers who attended to recognize the event.

The protocol will help guide the relationship between the parties going forward, and is the result of different organizations, including WRH and the Bkejwanong community, working together toward a common goal.

This work started years back, when in 2011, Cancer Care Ontario offered Windsor Regional Hospital an opportunity to effect positive change for the under/never screened Indigenous population.

An Indigenous Coordinator was hired and for the next four years, supported by Cancer Care Ontario and the University of Windsor, WRH worked with 12 Indigenous communities to establish relationships and build trust. As a result, Indigenous participation in cancer screening increased. But this was just the beginning.

In 2013, the hospital received funding to hire an Indigenous Patient Navigator. Audrey Logan of the Delaware First Nation has worked in this role ever since. With her guidance, Windsor Regional Hospital works closely with Indigenous and non-Indigenous community partners to remove barriers and strengthen relationships.

Some of that recent work includes:

- Hosting an indigenous Expo at both hospital campuses to promote culturally appropriate programming.
- Developing a new Indigenous Traditional Practice Protocol policy to better accommodate requests for Indiginous Ceremonies.
- Partnering with the Bkejwanong Community and the Southwest Regional Cancer Program to host a "Unity Cancer Conference" on Walpole Island.

The signing of the protocol formally recognizes the important partnership between Cancer Care Ontario and the Bkejwanong Territory. The protocol outlines principles of how the parties will work together going forward to address common cancer priorities.



## **Palliative Care Education Day**

Last week, The Erie St. Clair Regional Cancer Program partnered with the Ontario Palliative Care Network to focus on a difficult topic. Healthcare providers from various disciplines and specialties attended the Ciociaro Club for the second annual Palliative Care Education Day.

Topics were based on feedback from last year's event and included compassion fatigue, MAID, hospice care, and traumainformed palliative care. We used your feedback and created an agenda that incorporates all of these topics and more.

At the event, participants learned about different opportunities and strategies for having difficult conversations. Some participants then had the opportunity to put these strategies to work in role playing exercises.





PATHWAY TO POTENTIAL

## 2020 WRH Family Giving Campaign

The following is a list of some of the equipment and materials recently purchased by Windsor Regional Hospital thanks to the support of the WRH Foundation. Donations were made by individuals in the community and by staff (volunteers, employees, professional staff and affiliates) through the Family Giving Campaign. Some of the equipment recently acquired by the Hospital as a result of donations include:

- Centrifuge and biological freezer for the Laboratory;
- A portable lift for patients recovering from surgery at the Ouellette Campus as well as an ergonomic chair;
- Breast pump kits for family birthing;
- Urology scopes, Cysto stirrups, Urology Case Medical Containers, stainless steel work tables and new computers for the OR;
- An infant warmer in the ED at Ouellette;
- Humidification System in the ED at Met & Ouellette Campuses;
- Phototherapy in the NICU;
- Ice machine in Inpatient Surgery at Met;
- A transducer in the Cath Lab; and
- Child Life supplies in Paediatrics.

Complete your pledge ONLINE by November 11th at Noon at <a href="https://www.wrhfamilygivingpledge.ca">www.wrhfamilygivingpledge.ca</a> and you will quality for fabulous prizes. <a href="https://click.here">Click here</a> to view the brochure and list of prizes.

Thank you for supporting the WRH Foundation!



Global eradication of wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) was declared on World Polio Day, October 24, 2019. WPV3 is the second strain of the virus to be wiped out, following the eradication of wild poliovirus type 2 in 2015.

# Pumpkins for Kids at WRH

Thank you to the students at Sandwich Secondary High School who decorated and donated 20 pumpkins to the Paediatric floor of Windsor Regional Hospital for Halloween!

For the past two years, students of Sandwich Secondary have been expressing their artistic talents by designing and decorating pumpkins for the kids in hospital at Halloween. The pumpkins were generously donated by Pepe's Pumpkin Patch in LaSalle.

"The students take pride in their designing of each pumpkin and enthusiastically look forward to donating them to the hospital," said Stephanie Katt with Sandwich Secondary High School.

Child Life Specialists handed the pumpkins out to the children in hospital on October 31st as part of their Halloween activities. It is the mission of Child Life to assist children and families who are experiencing anxiety and stress while in hospital.





## **Hearty Beef Minestrone**

Makes 14 servings. (1 cup each) Preparation: 20 min

Total Time: 1 hr 40 min

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper or zucchini
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 1 cup diced potatoes
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup elbow macaroni
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a deep, heavy pot, over medium-high heat, cook beef, breaking it up with the back of a spoon, for about 8 minutes or until no longer pink. Drain off fat. Stir in tomatoes, onion, celery, green pepper, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bay leaves, salt, pepper, 6 cups (1.5 L) water and Worcestershire sauce; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Stir in beans and macaroni; cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft and pasta is tender. Ladle into warmed bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan, if desired.

**NUTRIENTS Per Serving (1 Cup)** 

Calories: 120; Protein: 9g; Total Fat:3g; Carbohydrates: 14g;

Sugar: 0g; Fibre: 3g; Sodium: 273mg

