

Our 2011 Fall Campaign

This fall, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation is fundraising for Heart Health and General Surgery in the new Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH). Our goal is to raise \$595,000 for 94 specialized vital signs monitors – sophisticated medical equipment that collects and displays key patient information, such as blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, blood oxygen saturation, and temperature, as well as an electrocardiogram, a wave-form graphic of a patient's heartbeat.

THE FACTS

- Doctors can adjust temporary pacemaker settings while viewing a patient's heart rate and blood pressure or administer medication while watching the response to treatment.
- With monitors connected to a hands-free communications device worn by caregivers, changes in a patient's condition can be tracked at a distance. The devices alert nurses with an alarm specific to the patient's problem if vital signs change. This allows the caregiver to swiftly respond with the correct assistance.
- Patients can also wear a remote device allowing him/her to walk the hallways or attend appointments in the hospital and still have vital signs continuously tracked.
- Each monitor can store the patient's vital signs data for 48 hours, enabling caregivers to track vital sign patterns or see early warning signals before a larger health condition occurs. The data can be transferred to the electronic patient record and shared between health care providers while that patient is in the hospital.
- The vital signs monitors provide 24/7 care, giving families the comfort of knowing their loved-one is being watched by a piece of high-technology that will alert medical teams should his/her condition change.

WHO WILL BENEFIT

- In the new Patient Care Centre every patient room in the Heart Health and General Surgery programs has vital signs monitors allowing nurses and doctors to track life-saving data on a large colour touch screen.
- This equipment tracks the vital signs of patients who have a heart condition, have suffered a heart attack, or have had lung or abdominal surgery.
- In 2010-11, more than 2700 people were admitted to Royal Jubilee Hospital following a heart attack, or for lung, abdominal, or open heart surgery.

You can contribute in support of our 2011 Fall Campaign by calling 250-519-1750, donating online, or sending a cheque to Victoria Hospitals Foundation, Wilson Block, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria BC, V8R 1J8.