



Media Release

Victoria Hospitals Foundation Continues Fundraising for Neurosurgery

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Victoria, BC – The Victoria Hospitals Foundation is continuing its fundraising efforts for Neurosurgery at Victoria General Hospital (VGH). As a result of the recent postal strike less than half of the \$361,000 needed to purchase the equipment has been raised. The Foundation’s campaign will fund a new and urgently needed neuronavigation system. This sophisticated piece of equipment helps neurosurgeons create a 3D map of a patient’s surgical site, and allows them to focus on the exact location they need to reach during an operation. While the current neuronavigation system at VGH provides quality care, technology has changed significantly in the seven years since it was put in place.

“The new, state-of-the-art equipment will improve surgical accuracy and reduce the length of surgeries, which means faster recovery times and shorter hospital stays for our patients,” said Dr. Stephen Hentschel, Head of Neurosurgery at VGH.

While the Foundation is very grateful for the donations received so far towards the neuroavigation system, more help is needed.

“Historically our spring campaigns have been very successful,” said Melanie McKenzie, Executive Director of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. “We know the postal strike has had a profound impact on donations and we want to let people know that they can still give to this campaign.”

Donations can be made by returning the direct mail letter residents received at home, by contacting the Victoria Hospitals Foundation at 250-519-1750 or online at www.victoriahf.ca.

About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island’s two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Every year we fund 40 per cent of capital equipment purchases for these hospitals, and last year this amounted to more than \$6 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 752,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$76 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or go to www.victoriahf.ca.

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