

PORTFOLIO REPORT 2019–20

General Medicine

Transforming Healthcare Together

As your Foundation, we partner with Island Health to raise funds for the priority equipment needs in our hospitals.

Each year, Island Health Capital Finance receives equipment requests from the departments in our hospitals and releases a list of approved equipment purchases. From that list, we develop our fundraising campaigns and initiatives in support of the identified needs. We work with donors who wish to support specific areas of care or particular needs of the department.

In fiscal 2019–20, we committed **\$5,823,822 to equipment, special projects, education, and research**, supporting Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals and Island Health as a whole.

Donor-Funded Equipment in General Medicine

VHF dispersed over \$2 million to fund equipment for General Medicine in 2019–20.

Capital #	Equipment/Project	Department
17RJ033	Patient Monitor System Upgrade	RJH ED, PCC & Critical Care
17RJ037	Arjo Sara 3000 Lift	Renal Unit
18PC168	Wheel Chairs	Patient Care Centre
18RJ160	Air Mattresses	Patient Care Centre
19RJ029	Bladder Scanner	RJH Home Dialysis Clinic
19RJ030	Blood Pressure Machine	RJH Kidney Care Clinic
19RJ116	Endoscopic Bronchial Ultrasound Scope	RJH Endoscopy
19RJ175	Moleculight System	RJH Lower Leg Wound Clinic
19RJ263	Temporal Thermometer	Renal Unit
19RJ298	Temporal Thermometer	RJH General Medicine
19VG122	ERBE Electrosurgical Unit	VGH Endoscopy
20RJ004	Ultrasound	RJH General Medicine

Campaigns Supporting Your Work



Bringing *The Big Picture* Into Focus

Since launching in November 2019, 3,500+ donors have contributed over **\$3.3 million** to our *Big Picture* campaign. We aim to raise \$4 million to fund 42 pieces of **leading-edge imaging equipment** at RJH and VGH like the endoscopic bronchial ultrasound scope and a bladder scanner for General Medicine.

Caring Spirit Program



Patients and their families are able to **donate in honour of exceptional care**. The care provider or team receives recognition from their supervisors and peers, a *Caring Spirit* pin, and a letter of congratulations. A *Caring Spirit* certificate is displayed if possible to remind staff that their work matters and is appreciated.

Your 2019–20 Caring Spirits:

- RJH 4 South Team (Med Assess Unit, Renal & Kidney Center)
- RJH 8 North Team
- RJH Renal Unit Team
- VGH 7A South (Women’s Health)
- Rachel Oates, Sarah McCliggott, Jinjoo Kim, Dr. John Fletcher & VGH 4B South
- RNs Amanda Aoki, Karen O’Connell, Zoe Paterson & Kelly Weston (VGH 7A)
- RN Lauren Attrop (RJH 4A South)
- RN Sharon Horton (RJH Pain Clinic)
- RNs Ly Stewart & Shawna Bond (VGH Breast Health – pictured top left with manager Sarah Yager, centre)
- RN Nicki Smale (General Medicine)
- Dr. Tracy Mihalynuk
- Dr. David Miller

Patient Story: A Daughter’s Rare, Difficult-to-Diagnose Disease

Twelve-year-old Makenna was in a lot of pain before receiving care at VGH. “Without Dr. Allen Hayashi and his team, or the video gastroscope, we’d still be wondering what was wrong,” says mom Lissa.

Dr. Hayashi diagnosed Makenna with eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), a chronic immune disease. An allergic reaction causes a type of white blood

cell that inflames the tissue to build up in the esophagus.

Right now, **an endoscopy with a biopsy is the only way to diagnose EoE**. The video gastroscope is crucial for performing this minimally invasive procedure. “With higher-quality images, the new gastroscope allows us to examine areas of concern in real time,” says Dr. Hayashi. “It’s revolutionary.”



“If it wasn’t for the scope, my throat would probably be closed up by now,” says Makenna.

NEW! Peer-to-Peer Fundraising

VHF has just launched our new online peer-to-peer fundraising platform. With just a few clicks, **fundraisers can set up their own personalized page** hosted on JustGiving and raise money specifically for General Medicine.

This is a great way to engage new supporters and have our fundraisers use their network and recognize your colleagues for their dedicated work.

More information can be found on our website at victoriahf.ca/peer-to-peer or start your own page at justgiving.com/campaign/vhf-generalmedicine.



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