

# PORTFOLIO REPORT 2020-21

## Critical Care

### Victoria Hospitals Foundation and Island Health

Each year, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation (VHF) and Island Health partner to determine priority equipment needs in our hospitals. Capital Finance receives equipment requests from the departments and creates a list of approved equipment. With the help of this list, VHF develops campaign themes. In addition, we aim to align donors' wishes with the needs of the department. In fiscal 2020/21, we committed \$8,231,047 to equipment, special projects, education, and research supporting Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals and Island Health as a whole. Annually, the Foundation funds more than 100 pieces of equipment to support all 11 areas of care, or 40% of new equipment in our hospitals. Find out more at [victoriahf.ca](http://victoriahf.ca)

### Donor-Funded Equipment

In 2020/21, VHF made \$6 million in new commitments and disbursed almost \$1,100,000 to fund purchased equipment for Critical Care including the following below:

Capital #	Equipment/Project	Department
19RJ117	Patient Monitor System Upgrade	RJH ICU
20RJ081	Ventilators	RJH Respiratory Therapy
20RJ088	CRRT Machine	RJH ICU
20RJ213	Ultrasound	RJH ICU
20RJ214	Ventilators	RJH Interim HAU
20RJ226	Patient Monitors	RJH Interim HAU
20RJ230	Video Bronchoscopes	RJH Interim HAU
20RJ233	IV Pumps & Accessories	RJH Interim HAU
20RJ243	Rapid Infuser	RJH Interim HAU
	Glidescope	RJH Interim HAU

### Caring Spirits

The *Caring Spirit* program gives people the chance to recognize a special caregiver, employee, or entire team by making a donation in their name towards priority medical equipment. The honouree(s) receive recognition from their supervisors and peers, a special *Caring Spirit* pin, and a letter of congratulations. VHF also recognizes them on our social media channels.

Critical Care was recognized with several *Caring Spirits* in 2020/21:

- VGH ICU (X4)
- RJH ICU
- Dr. Alexandra Mihailovic (x3)



## Stories Shared

### Frank

"The day that my wife came to get me, the care teams made these balloons for me out of rubber gloves. I remember walking down the hallway and turning the corner and there were like 25 nurses and doctors standing there clapping." Read more about how Frank beat the odds and recovered from Covid-19 at Royal Jubilee Hospital. [Read Frank's story](#)



### Kerry

"After my surgery, I spent nine days in Intensive Care. I was in and out of consciousness, up at 4:00 am wondering why I wasn't dead. I had nine different tubes coming out of me. The nurses would ask where I was for pain from one to ten. I answered a 12 or 13."

[Read Kerry's story](#)



## Campaigns in Support

### [It's Critical](#)

In April 2020, we launched a \$7 million campaign entitled *It's Critical* to significantly increase critical care capacity at RJH. The funds will go towards \$1 million of critical-care equipment for the interim High Acuity Unit (HAU) at RJH. The remaining \$6 million is for the construction of the permanent HAU at RJH and will boost critical care capacity at RJH by 73%. By May 2021, over 4,000 individual and corporate donors helped us exceed our \$7 million goal. *It's Critical* is the largest capital investment in critical care in Victoria by the Foundation, Island Health, or any level of government in 20 years.



## Events

### [Doc Talk with Dr. Omar Ahmad](#)

In December 2020, Dr. Ahmad shared his time and knowledge in a Q&A about critical care and COVID-19 response.

[Watch the Doc Talk](#)



**We see you. We thank you.**  
Our community stands with you.



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