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### Fundraising for Six Medical Imaging Machines, Starting with 3 MRIs



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Caregivers at Royal Jubilee Hospital look over imaging scans.

# POWERING CARE IN VICTORIA HOSPITALS—REFERRAL CENTRES FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND

**I**maging is Power is the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's latest equipment campaign. With a goal of \$11 million, the campaign is bringing the latest medical imaging technology to Vancouver Island. Donors—more than 1,450 so far—are supporting upgrades to three MRIs, one CT Scanner, one SPECT/CT Scanner, and one C-Arm at Royal Jubilee (RJH) and Victoria General (VGH) hospitals. With strategic and targeted equipment renewal and upgrades, it will revolutionize the vital imaging equipment that is used around the clock for inpatient, outpatient, and emergent care.

The campaign is underway with a focus on MRI technology. MRI scanners are some of our hospitals'

most powerful tools, and the answers they provide create impact across almost every area of care, for every kind of patient. In the next four pages, you will meet six of your neighbours, whose lives were changed—or saved—by MRI technology.

Through *Imaging is Power*, donors to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation are supporting a first-in-Canada MRI refurbishment project. This will result in three modernized MRIs that are the same quality as if they were purchased brand new, for a third of the cost.

We invite the community to join the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in bringing patients the latest and fastest MRI technology, with the least amount of disruption to care, the environment, and wait times.

#### DONORS EMPOWER CARE

**T**he strongest hospitals in our country have the strongest philanthropic support.

While the government funds basic healthcare needs, donors fuel advancements—that is why the presence of hospital foundations is essential.

Your two referral hospitals for Vancouver Island—Royal Jubilee (RJH) and Victoria General (VGH) hospitals—were respectively named the 2nd and 4th best hospitals in BC this year (Newsweek 2023). Philanthropy plays a key role in that.

**Our donors know this—and advocate for the best possible healthcare. Together, they move the needle, and advance Island-wide healthcare for all of us.** United, they fund 40% of the equipment at RJH and VGH; grow, attract, and retain our caregivers through caregiver education and recognition; support new ways for care to be delivered through research; and make space for advanced and needed care by supporting special projects. Last year, 5,200 donors—your neighbours—lifted our hospitals.

Over the last few years, we have been intentional in listening to our donors, community, and care teams to champion the equipment and initiatives that matter, that have far-reaching impact, and that represent the voices of the people we serve.

Our latest campaign, *Imaging is Power*, is a product of this. With a goal of \$11 million, it will catalyze six monumental upgrades to imaging tools at RJH and VGH: three MRIs, one CT Scanner, one SPECT/CT Scanner, and one C-Arm. **This campaign is bringing the latest medical imaging technology to Vancouver Island and supporting the wait times we are all aware of.** Its impact will be far-reaching: 500 people undergo scheduled scans every day at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals.

The message we share with you today, is that it takes all of us to advance local healthcare as a whole.

Our local radiologists, for example, found an innovative way to refurbish the three MRI machines we are supporting through this campaign, rather than completely replace them. Through this first-in-Canada technique, they are upgrading the machines for a third of the cost, and bringing patients the latest and fastest MRI technology, with the least amount of disruption to care, the environment, and wait times.

The people who share in their experience and support of our hospitals, are also key. Today, you will read real, local stories from Melodie, Sophie and Odette, Ann, Diane and Garry, Rahul, and Ralph. It takes courage and vulnerability to revisit healthcare journeys, and we thank them for being our champions.

Know, too, that we couldn't take on the size and scale of a project like this without support from the Capital Regional Hospital District, the Ministry of Health, and Island Health. They are very much in this, too.

Ultimately, it will be our donors that power the next decade of scans in our Victoria hospitals through this campaign. Today, I invite you to join our donor family in advancing the healthcare we all rely on. A gift—may it be small, large, or renewed—will have an immense and lasting impact on the future of care on Vancouver Island.

Together, we can do so much.

**Avery Brohman**  
CEO, Victoria Hospitals Foundation



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Victoria Hospitals  
Foundation

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Upgrade medical  
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Support local  
care teams

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## Teacher says MRI key to her breast-cancer diagnosis

MELODIE PICCO SAYS HER TUMOUR WASN'T CAUGHT THROUGH A MAMMOGRAM BECAUSE OF DENSE BREAST TISSUE

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**M**elodie Picco says she talked to her Grade 1 students about Terry Fox when she was explaining that she would be leaving for cancer treatment.

They discussed the fact that so much has been done for people with cancer because of Fox's fundraising run.

"I just wanted them to know that I was going away and that I was going to take care of myself," the St. Margaret's School teacher said. "I never once thought that I wasn't going to survive this."

It took some time after being diagnosed with breast cancer, but she was able to return to her job.

She had surgery to remove the tumour and a second related surgery, was given 22 rounds of radiation and takes daily medication — and now after three years, she is cancer-free.

"I came back and I got to teach those Grade 1s again at the Grade 4 level," said Picco, 47, who said that going from diagnosis to a clean bill of health was made possible with magnetic-res-

onance imaging technology.

"MRI absolutely made all the difference."

She is stepping up to talk about her case to support the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and its *Imaging is Power* fundraising campaign. "It's hard for me to share my story like this with the community but I think it's important," Picco said.

The aim of the campaign is to raise \$11 million to upgrade three existing MRI machines and to purchase three other much-needed imaging devices.

The plan to refurbish the MRI machines at a cost of \$2 million each is a first for Canada "and will essentially provide our hospitals with three new MRIs for the price of one," the foundation said.

Picco said MRI technology "just seems to be like this magical creation that has the ability to do things that are challenging."

"It gives really specific information that the specialists can use to best meet the needs of each patient."

Picco's medical journey began when she went for a mammogram after experiencing

symptoms like a constant ache in her chest.

She has dense breast tissue, which made her tumour difficult to detect through mammograms, and nothing turned up at first.

But she still had a sense something was going on, so she requested a second mammogram, which was accompanied by an ultrasound and biopsies, and then an MRI scan.

She received her diagnosis soon after. "I truly believe that the MRI, along with the surgeons and all their talents, saved my life."

Having the MRI scans during her treatment brought "peace of mind," Picco said.

Even hearing the sounds of the MRI machine during a scan, the clicks and hums, has been comforting in a way, she said.

"I was curious, wondering what it was doing, and I was sending out little thank you prayers that I had this machine."

While it has been a tough road "I've learned through my cancer journey that my life is about the tough stuff, and all the good things are just sprinkled on top," she said.

DARREN STONE, TIMES COLONIST



Teacher Melodie Picco says going from diagnosis to a clean bill of health was made possible with magnetic-resonance imaging technology.

She said being back to a normal life is the reward, and that coming through treatment has made her closer than ever with her husband and daughter.

"I get to be at work again. I get to say I've had a long, hard day. I get to say that I'm here."

Donations can be made online at [victoriahf.ca/imaging](http://victoriahf.ca/imaging), by calling the foundation at 250-519-1750, by visiting the foundation offices at Royal Jubilee, or by mailing a cheque to the foundation at Wilson Block, 1952 Bay St., Victoria, B.C. V8R 1J8.

# Victoria Hospitals Foundation: Mom hopes MRI improvements mean no more medical trips to mainland

THE VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION'S NEWLY LAUNCHED IMAGING IS POWER CAMPAIGN AIMS TO RAISE \$11 MILLION TO FUND NEW MEDICAL IMAGING TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT AT ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL AND VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

JEFF BELL  
Times Colonist

**M**edical-imaging technology is crucial to health care for many pediatric patients, including two-year-old Odette Shackleton.

The Victoria toddler had her first magnetic-resonance imaging scan, or MRI, when she was a day old, and will have one a year for at least the next four years to follow her condition. Her mother, Sophie Shackleton, calls the scans "our lifeline."

Odette was born with a form of dwarfism, and was doing well before having to be taken to emergency at eight months old when the size of her head increased suddenly — a possible indication of hydrocephalus, or fluid in the brain.

Her second MRI and an ultrasound followed, leading to a diagnosis of both hydrocephalus and severe spinal-cord compression. Both are common with achondroplasia, the type of dwarfism Odette has.

That testing ultimately saved her life, her mother said.

Odette was airlifted to B.C. Children's Hospital in

Vancouver for a pair of surgeries, and returns to Vancouver for the specialized MRIs she requires.

"MRI has become a very important part of Odette's life and ours," said Shackleton, who hopes those medical trips to the mainland become a thing of the past if the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's newly launched *Imaging is Power* campaign reaches its \$11-million fundraising goal.

One of the goals of the campaign is to fund improvements to three MRI machines being used in the capital region.

Improving those machines so Odette can get her MRIs in Greater Victoria would not only ease the logistical and financial strain of travel, but also help with the emotional toll it can take, Shackleton said.

She and her husband also have two boys, and caring for them involves sharing duties when Odette has to be away, she said. "Having more MRIs running more smoothly, reducing wait times, that makes a huge difference for us and has a profound impact on how we're able to care for Odette."

Shackleton reached out to the



DARREN STONE, TIMES COLONIST

Sophie Shackleton and her two-year-old daughter Odette at the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's launch of its latest campaign.

foundation last December to share her story, and said she is happy to give back to the health-care system by supporting the foundation's campaign.

"Every time I share Odette's story it is profound," she said. "She has gone through so much and has endured so much, but also there has been so many different people and care teams that have helped her to have what is now great health."

The *Imaging is Power* campaign aims to raise \$11 million to rebuild three MRI machines for \$2 million apiece, and to purchase three other much-needed pieces of equipment.

The items targeted by the campaign "are vital

to serving patients on Vancouver Island every day," said foundation chief executive Avery Brohman.

She said the fundraising being done is a response to the "greatest needs" in area hospitals.

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# Senior wasn't expected to live after falling tree crashed into her home



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ANN BAILEY, WHOSE MOBILE HOME WAS STRUCK BY THE TREE, IS SPEAKING OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION'S IMAGING IS POWER CAMPAIGN. SHE CREDITS MRIs FOR HELPING IN HER RECOVERY.

Ann Bailey spent four weeks in an intensive care unit after a tree came crashing through her home, leaving her with a broken pelvis and seven cracked ribs, among other injuries.

JEFF BELL, Times Colonist

**A**nn Bailey was sitting at her computer in April 2022 at a mobile-home park for seniors in Langford when a tree came crashing down and left her severely injured.

She wasn't expected to live, but ended up making a remarkable recovery and is scheduled to move back to her repaired home of 17 years at the end of the month.

Some of the details of the tree toppling and the aftermath remain fuzzy.

"I didn't hear it — it just came down," said the 85-year-old, who suffered a broken pelvis and seven cracked ribs. "My son tells me that I had a gash on my head but I don't remember getting that."

Bailey also sustained a chest injury and several fractured vertebrae.

Langford Fire Rescue reported at the

time that crews found her still sitting in a chair with branches on top of her.

Bailey was in the intensive-care unit at Victoria General Hospital for four weeks before being moved to the trauma ward, where she stayed until August of 2022.

"They were wonderful in the ICU," she said. "They looked after me so well. I'm very happy that they were able to do all the wonderful work that they did."

"If it were not for those people in the ICU, I would not be alive today."

Bailey said MRI technology was a key to determining her care. "They were able to see what was going on," she said. "That equipment is so important."

That's why she's speaking out in support of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation *Imaging is Power* Campaign, launched in October.

The \$11-million campaign is the

largest-ever for the foundation, which raises money for Victoria General, Royal Jubilee and Gorge Road hospitals, working in partnership with Island Health to help with all aspects of care, including equipment, education, and research.

For Bailey, her return to her normal life can't come soon enough. She has enjoyed living in the Wellesley retirement residence since leaving the hospital, but is eager to be back home in time for Christmas.

"I have friends there and I'll be able to see my cat," Bailey said. "She's being looked after by someone in the [mobile-home] park."

The cat emerged safely from the damaged mobile home after hiding under the bed when the tree fell, she said.

Of the *Imaging is Power* campaign's \$11-million fundraising goal, \$6 million is earmarked for refurbishing three ex-

isting MRI machines rather than buying new ones.

The foundation says that will give the health-care system three virtually new machines, each at one-third the cost of a new one, while allowing testing to go on in the least-disruptive way possible.

The campaign is also raising money for three new machines — a CT scanner, a SPECT/CT scanner and C-Arm.

Up to 500 people receive medical scans on a daily basis at Victoria General and Royal Jubilee hospital, the foundation said.

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# Victoria Hospitals Foundation: Countless medical scans spurred recovery from vasculitis

THE BEMISTERS GAINED FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE-OF-THE ART IMAGING EQUIPMENT AT ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL

JEFF BELL  
Times Colonist

**D**iane Bemister is back tending to her three Bernese mountain dogs, growing dahlias and doing all of the other things she enjoys at the Highlands hobby farm she shares with husband, Garry.

But it took some time to get her life back to normal after an attack of vasculitis, an autoimmune disease that leads to inflammation of the blood vessels.

In her case, which developed in late 2021, she suffered heart failure and had serious lung and kidney issues. She was in a medically induced coma for three weeks, followed by a month in the intensive-care unit.

It was actually an extension of the ICU, because the unit itself had so many COVID-19 patients at the time, Garry said.

Diane said vasculitis was a new word for her and Garry. "We hadn't heard of it before, so it was really quite a shock."

She said she had always been healthy and active, and her condition "was very much out of the blue."

It also turned out to be rare — the Bemisters were told that only one to two cases of vasculitis are seen each year at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Garry said a medically induced coma was decided on to get Diane's immune system under control "and take over the body's functions and decisions."

"Her hemoglobin levels were dangerously low," he said. "At one time, she had 12 intravenous tubes running into her."

Diane spent a total of 71 days in the hospital, and during her treatment she had a steady stream of magnetic-resonance imaging and CT scans to monitor her brain and other organs.

"We can't even count how many," Diane said.

With that, the Bemisters gained first-hand experience of the importance of state-of-the art imaging equipment at Royal Jubilee and



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Diane and Garry Bemister with their dogs. They share Diane's healthcare journey in support of *Imaging is Power*.

Victoria General hospitals to serve all of Vancouver Island.

Diane hopes that telling her story and stressing the vital aspect of medical imaging can help garner support for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's ongoing *Imaging is Power* campaign. "Anything that can bring it to anybody's attention is a benefit."

The campaign has an \$11-million fundraising goal, aiming to raise money to refurbish three existing MRI machines and purchase a new CT scanner, SPECT/CT scanner and C-Arm.

The MRI machines are from 13 to 22 years old and used more than 2,000 times in a year. Reconditioning them will bring them up to current standards at one-third the cost of buying new ones. The new CT scanner will replace a 15-year-old model, and will provide better images more quickly.

Diane is grateful to be able to return to doing the things she loves to do, but in the aftermath of her lengthy hospital stay, she had to overcome losing much of her muscle control.

"I couldn't move, I couldn't walk, I couldn't do anything."

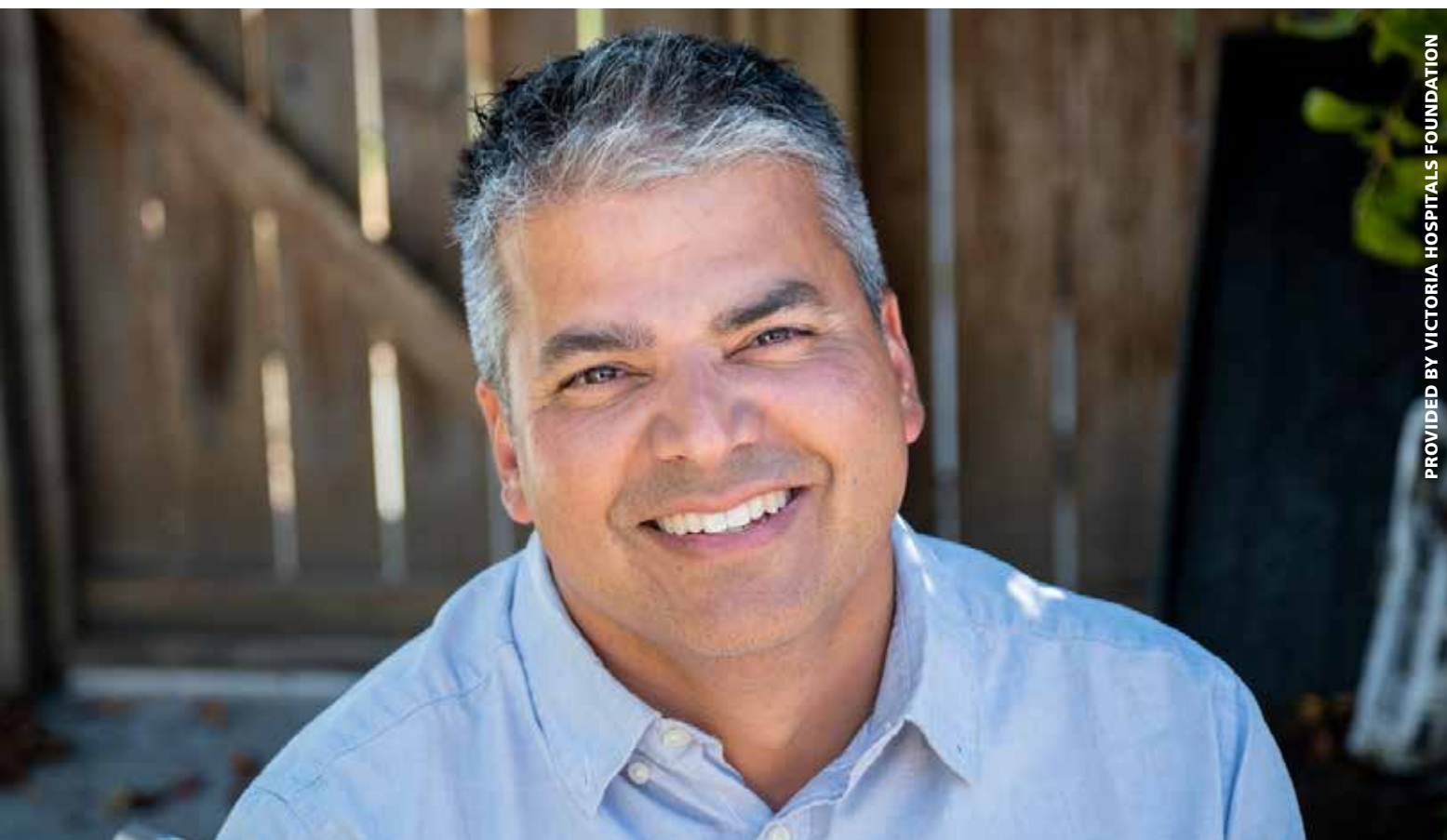
Doctors didn't know how long the effects of the vasculitis would last, but at 72, Diane has been able to make almost a full recovery.

"Every one of her doctors says the same thing, that she's lucky," Garry said.

In particular, her kidney function has come around extremely well, he said.

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Rahul Ray is an MS patient. He says he lives an amazing life thanks to the care he receives locally.

## MRI testing helps former soccer player live with MS

RAHUL RAY, WHO HAS MS, IS URGING PEOPLE TO DONATE TO VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION'S \$11-MILLION FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR IMAGING EQUIPMENT

JEFF BELL, Times Colonist

**R**ahul Ray was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis just before his wedding 16 years ago.

He was 30 and an accomplished soccer player, and had been planning to do an Ironman triathlon.

"My whole life was as an athlete," he said. "That's the world that I knew, and then all of a sudden I couldn't walk."

He was diagnosed with primary progressive MS, a degenerative neurological disorder.

Now a father of three and a principal

in an environmental-consulting firm, Ray credits magnetic-resonance imaging (MRI) technology with refining his care plan and keeping him aware of what's happening to his body.

He told his story last week to support the Victoria Hospitals Foundation as it launched its \$11-million *Imaging is Power* fundraising campaign. The goal is to raise money to upgrade three existing MRI machines and buy three other imaging tools — a CT scanner, a SPECT/CT scanner and a C-arm.

Ray said his surprise diagnosis came on

Dec. 18, 2006. He immediately began to try all of the various medications available to him, but none worked.

"I was in a medical freefall, symptom after symptom appeared and the wheels were coming off in my life," he said. "I really didn't want to be me."

Ray said that after falling on his face both literally and figuratively, he was offered the "next generation" of MS drugs through doctors at Royal Jubilee Hospital's MS clinic, including Dr. Kristen Atwell-Pope.

The drug turned out to be effective, but

also had the potential to worsen the effect of an MS-related virus that he had in his brain.

"There was one risk-management tool and that was MRI," Ray said. "Every three or four months, I would go to Jubilee or VGH to get an MRI. The medical team could see if the JCV virus was growing."

They could also precisely chart the effect of his medication, he said.

Now, he is at a point where his MS has been stable for seven years, with no new symptoms.

He said he undergoes MRIs twice a year, which allows Atwell-Pope to make what he calls "micro-shifts" in his treatment, as needed.

"I get to be an active dad, I get to be a good husband," he said, then added with a laugh: "Just for record, my wife doesn't cut me any slack — I still do dishes."

His wife has been a vital part of adjusting to life with MS, said Ray, who also volunteers with Power To Be, a non-profit organization providing access to nature for people with challenges, including cognitive, physical and social barriers.

When he was no longer able to play soccer, he became a coach.

"I can still yell and direct from a wheelchair," he quipped. "I get to live an amazing life, so thank you to the medical team who were able to help me keep going."

MS is still tough for him, but MRI testing is there to keep tabs on his condition, Ray said, and the *Imaging is Power* campaign will help MRIs make a difference in the lives of many others, as well.

"As an MS community, we've benefited from technology, we have benefited from your generosity, we need your support with the next round. Please contribute to this incredible initiative."

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# A Leading Innovation in Canada—right here in Victoria hospitals

A LETTER FROM THE DESK OF DR. ALAN ANDREW

One of the most common questions received by our hospitals' medical imaging staff is: Why does it take so long to get an MRI scan? It's a question you may have even asked yourself, or on behalf of a friend or loved one.

While there is no single answer, as a care provider, and as the Medical Director for Imaging at Island Health, I want you to know that our team desperately wants to be able to serve our community and patients as efficiently as possible. Inside the walls of our hospitals, medical imaging never stops. Members of the public undergo scheduled scans 24/7, and my colleagues and I are reading scans and getting answers to healthcare providers around the clock. But, at any given time, there are also emergent cases when scans are needed without delay. This is the balance our teams navigate each and every day.

Often, a care journey begins with an imaging scan. For some patients, an MRI can determine a diagnosis or treatment plan, while others might receive the relief of a clear scan. Regardless of the outcome, the information received from MRI scans



Dr. Alan Andrew in front of an MRI machine at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

is often life-changing.

Vancouver Island's population is estimated to exceed one million in the next decade, and we want to ensure we are **strategic and patient-focused** as we plan for the future. It is clear that we need our MRIs to be replaced with the most advanced technology available as we continue to strive to improve wait times. Our community deserves it.

I am pleased to report that, for a third of the cost, we can revolutionize MRI machines at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals by replacing outdated machinery with new, best-in-class components. This is a leading innovation in Canada. To achieve this, we will preserve the core of our current MRI machines: the powerful magnets that are very durable and will last for several decades.

Our focus will be on completely rebuilding the technology, software, and structure around the magnet.

The invaluable benefits of a transformed MRI machine includes faster and more precise imaging, a more comfortable patient experience, and a more sustainable and cost-effective alternative to replacing the equipment entirely.

This is an exciting project we are embarking on, and the efficiency of revolutionizing and rebuilding this equipment—rather than completely replacing it—means we can continue to prioritize the needs of our patients without disrupting care and adding to existing wait times. It also means my team and I can better serve our community.

On behalf of our imaging teams, I thank you for making the decision to join the Victoria Hospitals Foundation for vital MRI upgrades that will benefit thousands of Vancouver Island patients every year.

With gratitude,  
Dr. Alan Andrew  
Radiologist and Medical Director,  
Island Health Medical Imaging

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Dr. Ralph Lapp and his partner Karen. Dr Lapp says MRI has saved his life.

## VHF fundraiser: Surgeon credits MRI technology in recovery from cancer, cycling injury

DR. RALPH LAPP IS CHAMPIONING MRI TECHNOLOGY AS A SUPPORTER OF THE VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION'S \$11 MILLION IMAGING IS POWER CAMPAIGN

JEFF BELL, Times Colonist

After a career as an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Ralph Lapp found out first-hand what it's like to be a patient in the health-care system he's been part of for decades.

He said magnetic-resonance imaging, or MRI, technology — the same technology he has used for many of his patients — made all the difference in his prostate-cancer treatment, and later when he suffered serious injuries in a cycling crash.

He's now championing that technology as a supporter of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's *Imaging is Power* campaign, which aims to raise \$11 million to refurbish three existing MRI machines and to purchase a new CT scanner, SPECT/CT scanner and C-arm.

Lapp received his prostate cancer diagnosis in July 2018. A biopsy by Dr. Iain McAuley, a urologist, revealed the cancer. The MRI scan he ordered showed what Lapp called "the real story": his cancer was spreading.

"The MRI tipped the balance," Lapp said. "It showed that the cancer was eroding out of its capsule and we really had to take this more seriously."

That led to a radical prostatectomy — removal of the prostate gland and adjacent lymph nodes — and now a cancer-free life five years later, said Lapp.

"I've got a lot of thanks in relation to quality of imaging and availability here in Victoria."

A year after his own diagnosis, a close friend died of prostate cancer, and he realizes he could have met the

same fate.

Lapp said he is confident the MRI scan helped save his life.

"There's been no sign of recurrence of cancer since that time and it gave me an opportunity by the time I was 75 years old [to be] back doing all sorts of things," Lapp said. "Sailing, cycling, time trialing and racing on the bike."

"Unfortunately that tendency to go fast maybe had something to do with a nasty collision less than two years ago."

Lapp was cycling on Lochside Drive in December 2021 "at a good pace, within reason" when a delivery van going in the same direction turned into his path.

He said he was badly hurt and his helmet was demolished. He suffered a broken rib, a damaged disk, a shoulder injury and "worst of all, a serious concussion."

The concussion necessitated an immediate CT scan of his head and chest, and he later had a specialized MRI scan of his shoulder.

"The quality of the images is absolutely stellar," he said of his MRI.

He said the plan in the *Imaging is Power* campaign to upgrade three MRI machines in current use to move toward that higher level "is absolutely brilliant."

"I'm fully in support of that whole approach."

Lapp, who still occasionally assists in the operating room, said he didn't know if his shoulder injury would keep him from operating or cycling again, but he said expert medical care — and MRI technology — made both possible.

About 2,000 MRI scans are done monthly on Vancouver Island residents, and there is no doubt they help save lives, he said.

The technology is constantly improving, Lapp said, and it helps so many people — including his daughter, who has multiple sclerosis.

Lapp noted that 40 per cent of equipment in hospitals is funded by donations, saying people should know what a difference their generosity can make.

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### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION

For over 30 years, donors to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation have been making a difference in the health and care of patients across Vancouver Island. The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works to enable donations to every area of care at Royal Jubilee, Victoria General, and Gorge Road hospitals.

The Foundation runs fundraising campaigns to inspire community giving in order to replace and fund new equipment and technology; build capacity; support care teams through caregiver recognition and caregiver education; fund research, and ultimately improve the health of the community.

When the community unites together for Victoria hospitals, local care teams can use state-of-the-art equipment much sooner than if we relied on government funding alone. The best equipment means local hospitals can attract the best talent from around the world.

In 2022/23, over \$12.9 million was raised to support our Victoria hospitals, including gifts from over 5,200 donors. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$193 million to benefit our hospitals, which provide care to all 860,000+ residents of Vancouver Island.



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