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Surrey Hospital Foundation Launches \$10 Million Surgical Centre Renewal Campaign

Goal to upgrade operating rooms with latest innovative medical technologies to serve more than 1.8 million Fraser Valley residents

Surrey, B.C. (October 9, 2019) The Surrey Hospital Foundation (SHF) has launched their \$10 million Surgical Centre Renewal Campaign to renovate and upgrade 10 operating rooms at Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH). Their goal is to bring the most innovative medical technologies and equipment to Surrey, which will assist with recruitment and retention of top surgical talent.

Surrey Memorial Hospital is the busiest surgical site in the Fraser Valley region, serving more than 1.8 million residents. SMH provides specialty surgical services in plastics, thoracic, retinal, urology, ENT (ear, nose, throat), gynecology, general surgery, ophthalmology, and orthopedics.

“What most people don’t know is that Surrey Memorial Hospital has some of the most renowned surgeons and most innovative surgical procedures in the country,” says Dr. Cal Andreou, Head of Surgery at Surrey Memorial Hospital. “In fact, we have one of the best thoracic surgery programs in Canada, and we are the first hospital in Western Canada to offer ground-breaking new procedures in esophageal disease and lung cancer.”

Key SMH surgical facts:

- 10 operating rooms will be renewed with state of the art equipment and technology.
- SHF is investing a total of \$10 million to this project; \$5 million toward the renewal and \$5 million toward recruitment and retention of talent.
- Surrey has 68 surgeons with 10 specialties and performed 21,240 surgeries last year.
- Of the 21,240 surgeries, more than 60 per cent were for cancer and 1,200 were performed on children.
- SMH is the first in Western Canada to provide innovative new procedures that treat esophageal disease and identify lung cancer.
- SMH is the first in B.C. to have and offer surgery with the incision-less Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) equipment.
- SMH is the first hospital outside Ontario to get a SuperDimension Navigation System that helps surgeons locate cancer deep inside the lungs.
- SMH’s Thoracic Surgery Program is the most technologically advanced in Canada.

“Our hospital has the busiest surgical centre in all of the Fraser Valley, and our operating rooms really need an upgrade to facilitate the more than 1.8 million residents in our region,” says Jane Adams, President and CEO of the Surrey Hospital Foundation. “Our surgical innovations and world-class surgeons are only possible because of the tremendous support of our generous donors whose contributions has enabled us to purchase world-class medical technologies and attract the best surgical talent from around the world.”

SHF held a media showcase event at their Mock OR space located at the Health and Technology District across from SMH, which was generously donated by Lark Group.



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For more information on the Surrey Hospital Foundation Surgical Centre renewal campaign, visit <https://surreyhospitalfoundation.com/surgery>.

About Surrey Hospital Foundation:

Surrey Hospital Foundation is the largest non-government funder of health care for families in Surrey and surrounding Fraser Valley communities. <https://surreyhospitalfoundation.com>

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