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Carleton Place Hospital Unveils Digital Imaging



Members of the PACS implementation team at the system's unveiling include (back l-r) Suzanne Turner, Debbie McGee, Shawn O'Rourke, Christine Boast, Leigh Gardiner, Francine Germain, Kelley McDiarmid, (front l-r) Victor Guillemette, Vladimir Semenchuk

After a summer of renovations and training, the Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Department of the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) has finalized the implementation of its new Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS). The system captures, transmits and stores diagnostic images in digital form and allows users to focus on the x-ray by magnifying, scrolling and highlighting key areas within the image.

“When we began implementing PACS we knew that there would be improvements within the department and in patient care but now that the system is in place we are thrilled with the results,” stated Christine Boast, DI Manager and PACS Team Leader. “I would like to thank my staff for their hard work over the last few months and the members of the Queensway Carleton for their help with the implementation.”

In addition to being the Team Leader for the PACS implementation, Ms. Boast has also been enrolled in a PACS Administrator course.

“We would like to thank the PACS implementation team for making this transition to PACS as smooth as possible”, stated Toni Surko, AED of Patient Services. “As well we would like to congratulate Christine Boast for her impressive results on her PACS Administrator exam.”

The PACS implementation is the result of another successful partnership with the Queensway Carleton Hospital (QCH). QCH currently provides purchasing and laboratory services to CPDMH and earlier this year QCH helped with the implementation of Meditech, a new information system for CPDMH. With Meditech and PACS now in place, digital images of x-rays, CT scans and MRI exams can be shared between the two hospitals.

“PACS has been another collaborative effort with QCH and I would like to thank the members of the QCH team for their help with installing the new system,” stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. “Our two hospitals have a history of working together to provide the best patient care possible to our community and as we move forward, we will continue to explore additional opportunities for improvement within our hospital.”

The PACS project is expected to come in on budget at \$375,000 and the purchase of the system was made possible through the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign.

“The Foundation is pleased to report that PACS is the last item on the list of needs for the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign and since the campaign began in 2003 nearly \$1.5 million has been transferred to the hospital for new medical equipment,” stated Sylvie Powell, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “On behalf of everyone associated with the Hospital and Foundation, I would like to thank the community for their generosity and for making the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign such an overwhelming success.”

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