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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Campaign continues to add services at the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital

On Monday April 11, 2005 the Carleton Place & District Hospital (CPDMH) once again expanded its services and performed its first laparoscopic cholecystectomy. The surgery was performed by Dr. Eric Neidert, one of approximately 40 specialists from Ottawa that provides services in Carleton Place, and assisted by Dr. Rob Courchene.

“The community’s response to our recent campaign has made a profound impact on our ability to provide new services to the area,” stated Norine Primeau – Menzies, AED Patient Services. “Our vision of ‘providing services closer to home’ has become a reality and as more items are purchased from the campaign equipment list, we expect other services will also become available to the hospital’s catchment area.”

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy is the surgical removal of the gallbladder through tiny incisions in the abdomen using advanced laparoscopic technology. The surgery is the gold standard for gallbladder removal in uncomplicated cases and is performed to relieve chronic pain caused by recurrent infections and gallstones.

The main benefit of laparoscopic cholecystectomy is the ease of recovery for the patient. There is virtually no incision pain as occurs with standard abdominal surgery and no scar on the abdomen. In addition the surgery dramatically reduces needed recovery time allowing patients to return to their daily routine as soon as possible.



In January of this year, the CPDMH expanded its operating room to full-time. In addition to adding the laparoscopic cholecystectomy, the hospital will be also begin offering laparoscopic hysterectomies at the end of April and sinus surgery towards the end of spring. In 2004 the hospital added Endoscopy and breast cancer surgery to its surgical program. The equipment needed to offer these services to the community was made possible through donations from the community to the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign.

Anyone requiring more information about the hospital, its needs, the campaign or anyone wanting to donate is asked to contact the campaign office at (613) 257-2200 x 856, to visit the hospital’s website at www.carletonplacehospital.ca or e-mail ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com. With a goal to improve

healthcare for the residents of Carleton Place and the surrounding communities, any and all help is appreciated.

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Dr. Eric Neirdet (left) with Dr. Rob Courchene performing CPDMH's 1st laparoscopic cholecystectomy