

Caring for the Future

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Members of the health care team at Providence Breast Centre.

A Legacy of Care and Community: Honouring Siem and Jenny Mellema

Siem and Jenny Mellema made a generous estate gift in 2024 to support Mount Saint Joseph Hospital (MSJ), where compassionate care and innovation come together every day.

TRANSFORMING BREAST CARE EVERY DAY

One of the most significant impacts of the Mellemas' gift is at the Providence Breast Centre's pathology lab. Their support funded two Milestone UltraGROSS workstations, the first at MSJ. These modern, ergonomic workstations are transforming workflows and helping teams safely handle, document, and examine breast tissue samples. These stations:

- ✦ Improve safety in the workplace through advanced ventilation, protecting staff from harmful exposure.
- ✦ Offer ergonomic designs that reduce strain and injury risk for those handling complex breast specimens.
- ✦ Enable real-time teaching and training to prepare the next generation of pathology professionals.

We are so thankful for donor generosity that makes equipment upgrades like this possible.

Dear Friends,

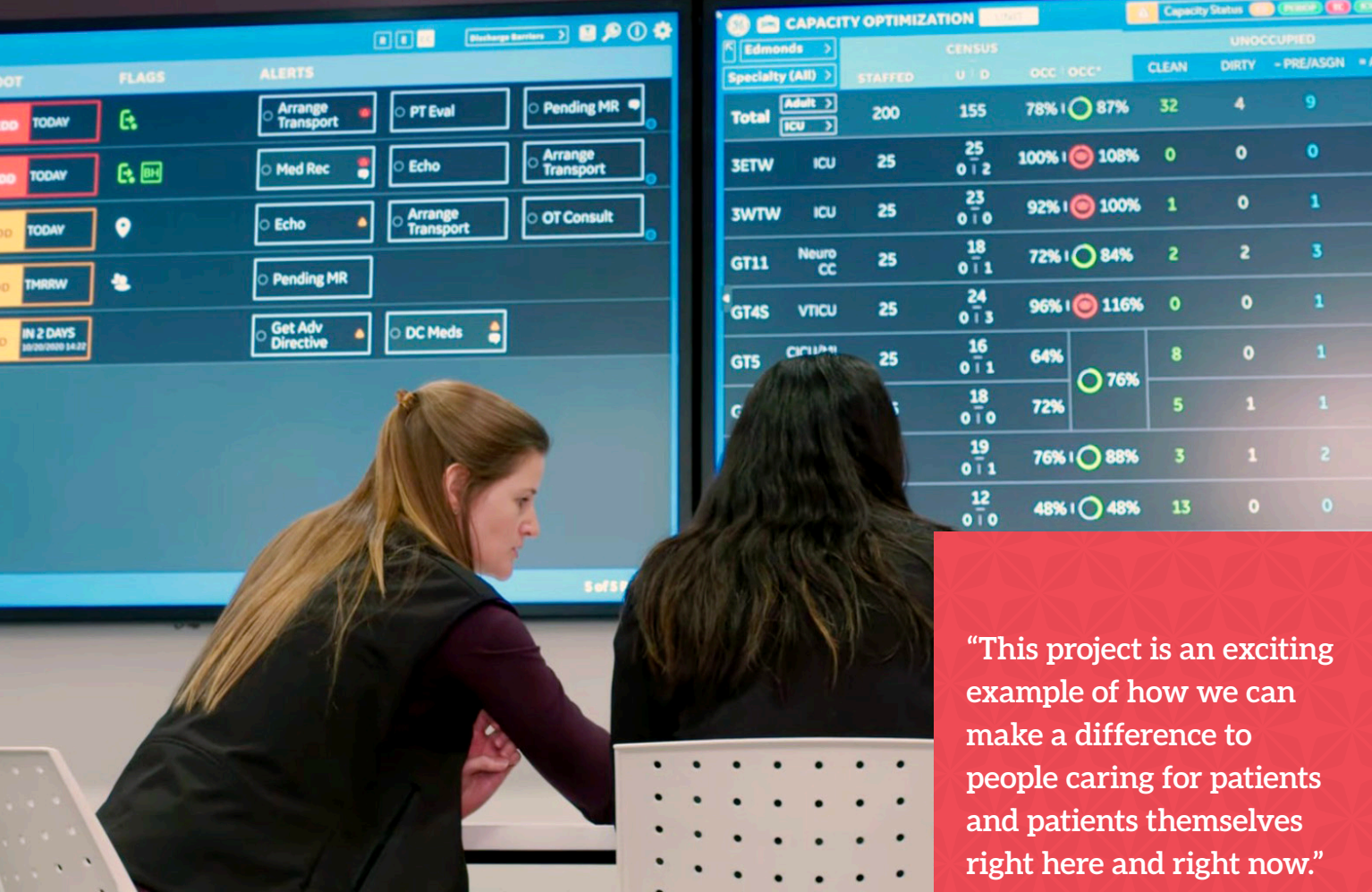
Legacy giving is more than a contribution—it's a promise. A promise that innovation will thrive, that care will remain exceptional, and that hope will always be within reach. Your decision to include St. Paul's Foundation in your estate plans ensures that tomorrow's medical breakthroughs happen here, close to home.

Together, we are shaping the future of health care in British Columbia. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey and for making a difference that will last for generations.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Diana Li

*Director, Legacy Giving
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“This project is an exciting example of how we can make a difference to people caring for patients and patients themselves right here and right now.”

– Fiona Dalton, President of Providence Health Care

Your support powers BC’s first Care Coordination Centre at the new St. Paul’s Hospital

Launched across Providence hospitals earlier this year, the Care Coordination Centre is already making an impact. Made possible with a generous gift from the PA Woodward’s Foundation, this centre is one of only three in Canada and will be fully operational at the new St. Paul’s Hospital.

The system is designed to aggregate and analyze data, providing site-wide insights on a video wall of 16 large screens managed by site operational leaders.

This means staff can easily see what’s happening across all acute services, which clinical teams are under pressure, where they need to step in, and what is needed to ensure that operations run smoothly.

It’s already helping staff cut down the need to ‘hunt and gather’ information, enabling quick and easy access to essential data.

“The ease of finding the information I need has really helped streamline my day as I no longer spend extra time trying to search for what I need or sending multiple texts,” says Lucia Milosavljevic, Access & Flow Coordinator. “Before these tools, I would have to go into each patient’s chart, which was very time-consuming.”

When the new St. Paul’s Hospital opens in 2027, the Care Coordination Centre will be taken to the next level with a dedicated physical space called the PA Woodward’s Foundation Care Coordination Centre.



LEADING THE WAY:

New clinical trials unit brings research home to BC

For years, early-stage trials had to leave British Columbia, taking innovation and opportunity with them. Thanks to donor support, BC now has its first clinical trials unit at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, enabling the testing of new therapies right here at home.

Phase 1 trials are the first step in testing new therapies for safety in people, a critical stage before Health Canada approval. Until now, these early trials (outside of cancer) didn't exist west of Toronto. This new unit changes that, positioning BC as a leader in medical innovation and keeping research—and its benefits—close to home.



Dr. Darryl Knight, President of Providence Research

FIRST CLINICAL TRIAL OFFERS HOPE FOR MENOPAUSE CARE

Menopause symptoms like hot flashes, night sweats, and disrupted sleep can last for years, impacting health, work, and overall well-being. This study, the first at the new clinical trials unit at MSJ is paving the way for safer, more effective treatments—bringing relief closer for those who need it most.

The inaugural study focuses on ABCL635, a first-in-class, non-hormonal therapy designed to ease vasomotor symptoms such as hot flashes and night

sweats, two of the most common and disruptive symptoms of menopause. Recruitment is underway, marking an exciting step toward better options for those navigating this life stage.

“The impact of this clinical trials unit on British Columbians cannot be understated,” says Dr. Darryl Knight, President of Providence Research. “Early access to new therapies leads to better health outcomes for people in BC and economic benefits for the province.”

Your generosity makes groundbreaking research possible—bringing hope, improving care, and ensuring innovation stays close to home. Thank you for leading the way.



Honour Roll

In 2025, St. Paul's Foundation received gifts from the estates of the following donors who made a very special legacy gift to support Providence Health Care. We honour each donor for their legacy of compassion and extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of them and their families.

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CARING FOR THE FUTURE TEA: Save the date

We look forward to hosting our Caring for the Future Tea this summer and ask that you hold **June 4th, 2026**, in your calendar. We will be in touch in May with an invitation!

Guests at the Caring for the Future Tea 2025.



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