

Above **and** Beyond.

A Campaign for Dartmouth General Hospital

## You're welcome.

Every year the front doors of the Dartmouth General slide open more than 300,000 times to welcome patients from our community.

Our patients' health needs are diverse and their circumstances unique. But the one thing they share in common is that when they pass through our doors, they are warmly welcomed in a place that is known for treating people like people, and for providing leading and innovative health care services.

Ensuring humanity in health care service delivery has been a hallmark of the Dartmouth General since those front doors first opened in 1976. That's more than 40 years of serving a patient population that has now grown to more than 120,000.

Over the years, our patients have come to know and expect the very special kind of care they receive from our professionals and caregivers. Hands are held. Tears and laughter — and, on occasion, miracles — are shared.

From support staff to nurses to physician specialists, our team goes above and beyond.

We are excited to share with you the remarkable change now under way at the Dartmouth General. It is a transformation that will enable our skilled personnel to deliver new levels of patient care.

One important thing won't change... that very special environment into which we invite the patients who entrust their care to us.

**You will always be welcome at the  
Dartmouth General.**

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*The project will transform our hospital - from the front door to the patient bedside. I am really looking forward to welcoming patients and families to the new Dartmouth General.* – Faye Lovett

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**Faye Lovett**  
Switchboard and Reception Desk Clerk



# We are Rising to the Challenge of Change.

The Nova Scotia Government has announced a \$132 million expansion of the Dartmouth General that will elevate our pivotal role in the delivery of acute care to include all of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

Among the benefits will be improved wait times for orthopaedic surgery and increased inpatient capacity to serve all of HRM. And that's just the beginning.

**A new Surgical Centre** will enable us to perform roughly 60%-70% more surgical procedures annually. **A renovated Intensive Care Unit (ICU)** will help us care for our most critically ill patients. Inpatient bed capacity will grow by 40% with the addition of a new **5th floor**. And a brand **new Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)** will enable nursing staff to more effectively monitor and care for patients leaving the ICU, before they are moved to an inpatient bed.

**A new Ambulatory Care Centre** will expand significantly our ability to provide outpatient services in the community. Our **diagnostics** capabilities will also be expanded, incorporating new facilities and technologies. And new **facility-wide information technologies** will provide patients, visitors, and health services personnel with greater connectivity and access to information.

When completed in 2020, the Dartmouth General will be transformed... from a local community hospital, to a leading health care centre located right here in our community.



*I experienced “medical innovation” first hand when I underwent knee surgery at Dartmouth General. Their surgeons perfected the half-knee replacement technique. For me, it was a day surgery, versus a longer stay for a full-knee.*

*This campaign will put the best equipment and technology in the hands of the surgeons, making our hospital one of the best in the country. – Fred Smithers, O.C.*



**Fred Smithers, O.C.**  
Honourary Campaign Chair,  
and Former Orthopaedic Patient



**Dr. Colin Van Zoost**  
Chief of Internal Medicine

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*WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
INVEST IN THE DIFFERENCE-MAKERS.*

The ABOVE & BEYOND Capital Campaign is a significant turning point for health care in our community and our province.

Government will fund facilities' construction and expansion, as well as many equipment requirements.

Our Hospital's \$13 million capital campaign is focused on a central priority: to place the very latest tools, technologies and equipment in the hands of the outstanding medical professionals who care for us.

The Campaign represents the community's contribution toward the total \$132 million capital redevelopment. Generous donors will help equip our medical services professionals to reach new heights of efficiency and effectiveness.

A team of deeply committed community volunteers lead our fundraising effort. They are dedicated to achieving our ultimate goal... ensuring that high quality patient care will be available for decades to come.

We are well on our way to achieving success.  
Please join us.

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# WE SEE INCREDIBLE



**Dr. Todd Howlett**  
Site Chief

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# POTENTIAL.

Looking beyond this turning point for the Dartmouth General, we see exciting potential for health services delivery and patient outcomes.

The success of the **\$13 million ABOVE & BEYOND Capital Campaign** will support the acquisition of cutting edge technologies, tools and instrumentation that will enable us to make the best use of our new and modernized health care facility.

Among the many resulting benefits will be **shorter wait lists for many orthopaedic surgeries, and increased inpatient, diagnostic imaging, and ambulatory care capacity.**

This will be the most significant transformation in our hospital's history. As a major component of the overall redevelopment of the QEII Health Sciences Centre, our expansion and redevelopment positions Dartmouth General to play a central role in the delivery of acute care in HRM.

By providing the latest tools and technologies through the Campaign, together we can ensure our exceptional team is equipped to provide future-focused health care services that are second-to-none.

**Heather Francis**  
Director of Health Services





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*Having two dedicated orthopaedic surgical suites will directly impact our capacity to address the wait lists for joint replacement surgeries. Our team already has the ‘get it done’ attitude and now we’ll have the world-class facility to go with it. – Dr. Nathan Urquhart*

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**Dr. Nathan Urquhart**  
Orthopaedic Surgeon

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# Our New Surgical Centre.

**GOAL \$6 MILLION**

A new Surgical Centre will enable our skilled team to perform approximately 60%-70% more surgical procedures annually.

Eight new and modern operating theatres will occupy the 16,600 sq. ft. Surgical Centre, replacing the four current operating rooms.

Two of the new operating theatres will be dedicated to orthopaedics, allowing even greater efficiencies in our vastly expanded role in performing joint replacement surgery. This helps concentrate significant orthopaedic capacity at the Dartmouth General, and will help reduce the wait list for primary joint replacement.

The remaining six operating theatres will support a variety of other surgical procedures.

The operating suites will be supported by a 4,500 sq. ft., 18-bed Post-Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU) that will help us care for patients recovering from anesthesia after surgery. This unit will include 17 standard recovery rooms, as well as a specialized isolation recovery room for high-risk patients.

- ***Our top-flight surgeons and medical personnel will be supported by state-of-the-art surgical tools and equipment; with modern digital information capabilities; and the latest in device sterilization technologies.***

The surgical centre will incorporate the very latest considerations in design and efficiency. Space design and equipment will provide our skilled medical personnel with purpose-built surgical spaces, thus eliminating the down-time needed to re-fit surgeries for different procedures.

## Our ICU and Intermediate Care.

GOAL \$2 MILLION

With an aging population presenting with increasingly complex concerns, our medical professionals are treating a greater number of intensive care patients. More than ever, the ICU is playing a vital role in the care delivered at Dartmouth General.

We will relocate our new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) next to the hospital's Emergency Department, where the majority of ICU patients first enter the hospital. This ensures the most vulnerable patients can be quickly transported to the appropriate patient care area.

The expanded 5,600 sq. ft. unit will include seven intensive care patient rooms and one intensive care isolation unit. Larger rooms and purpose-built equipment will allow staff to better perform necessary treatments and aid in the comfort of the patient.

As well, a 3,600 sq. ft. Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) will add entirely new capacity to provide "step-down" care for ICU patients, in a modern six-bed unit located on our 4th floor. This unit enables the appropriate transition of recovering patients from ICU who are not quite ready to go to a standard inpatient unit.

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*Nursing for intensive and intermediate care patients will take a major step forward at the Dartmouth General. The expanded space, combined with the latest in patient lifts and overhead equipment will mean we can access and treat patients more safely and effectively.*

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**Miranda Sampson**  
Registered Nurse, ICU

# Ambulatory Care Centre & Endoscopy Clinic.

**GOAL \$3 MILLION**

**Dr. Alex Mitchell**  
Chief of Surgery



Ambulatory care is provided on an outpatient basis, including diagnosis, observation, consultation, treatment, intervention, and rehabilitation services. For many conditions, appropriate ambulatory care prevents or reduces the need for hospital admission (or inpatient care).

Our new 7,500 sq. ft. Ambulatory Care facility will incorporate procedure, casting and patient consultation facilities as well as 13 exam rooms, including a dedicated gynecological exam room. Three new treatment bays for blood transfusions and a family consult room will be added. A new, large waiting and welcome area with natural lighting will vastly improve the patient visitor experience.

This new space, technology, and equipment will add critical capacity that expands our ability to provide transfusions and infusions, and to conduct a wide variety of outpatient procedures.

## *AN ADDITIONAL 7,500 SQ. FEET WILL BE DEVOTED TO A NEW ENDOSCOPY CLINIC.*

Our patients will benefit from a wide range of endoscopic surgical procedures including colonoscopy and cystoscopy. The new Endoscopy Clinic will include three procedure rooms, an increase from the two we have currently, and a recovery area.

The vital expansion of ambulatory care and endoscopy facilities and equipment will broaden the range and volume of outpatient procedures we can perform at Dartmouth General. The addition of these facilities will support the increased surgical capacity and demand needed to provide the appropriate pre-and post-operative care for our surgical patients.

# 5th Floor Inpatient Unit.

**GOAL \$1 MILLION**

The long-awaited new 5th Floor Inpatient Unit will result in a 40% increase in the total number of inpatient beds at the Dartmouth General.

Housing 48 beds in primarily private rooms, the new 5th floor will be the most modern inpatient facility in the province. It will incorporate the very latest technological advances in patient record management, and in infection control standards.

The impact of the increased bed capacity will be felt throughout the hospital. New inpatient beds will accommodate the increase in our surgical offering, and will decrease wait times in the Emergency Department for those waiting for a bed.

The new 5th floor will also incorporate four new team communication rooms specifically designed and equipped for medical team “bullet rounds” — multi/interdisciplinary group meetings that involve all health care personnel (doctors, nurses, therapists, dieticians, pharmacists, and social workers) involved in integrated patient care.

The latest in functional design and technology will be integrated into the new team communications rooms, to help support patient teams as they collaborate to establish the treatment programs, discharge plans, and ongoing health support protocols for our patients.





**Dr. Natalie Cheng**  
Hospitalist

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**Sharon Hartling**  
Manager, Diagnostic Imaging Services

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# Diagnostic Imaging Centre.

**GOAL \$500,000**

Our Diagnostic Imaging department provides a range of services including 24-hour X-ray, ultrasound, mammography, CT scanning and bone density scanning.

Diagnostic Imaging will undergo a complete reorganization and modernization, resulting in vastly improved patient flow and patient privacy... two long-standing problems that directly impact the patient experience. No longer will our patients sit in a public hallway that serves as their waiting room as they await testing. Instead, private waiting areas will be available.

The redeveloped 12,000 sq. ft. Diagnostic Imaging Centre will become completely digital, incorporating the latest digital technologies and patient record capabilities to improve diagnostic care. As well, the renovation will be designed for the addition of a new CT Scanner and future-proofing space for the possible addition of an MRI unit.

Funds raised will support the acquisition of equipment, tools and technologies for diagnostic imaging that will directly impact patient diagnosis and wait times. Patients using our diagnostic imaging services will experience greatly increased comfort and privacy, in modern, functional facilities.

# Patient Experience Technologies.

**GOAL \$500,000**

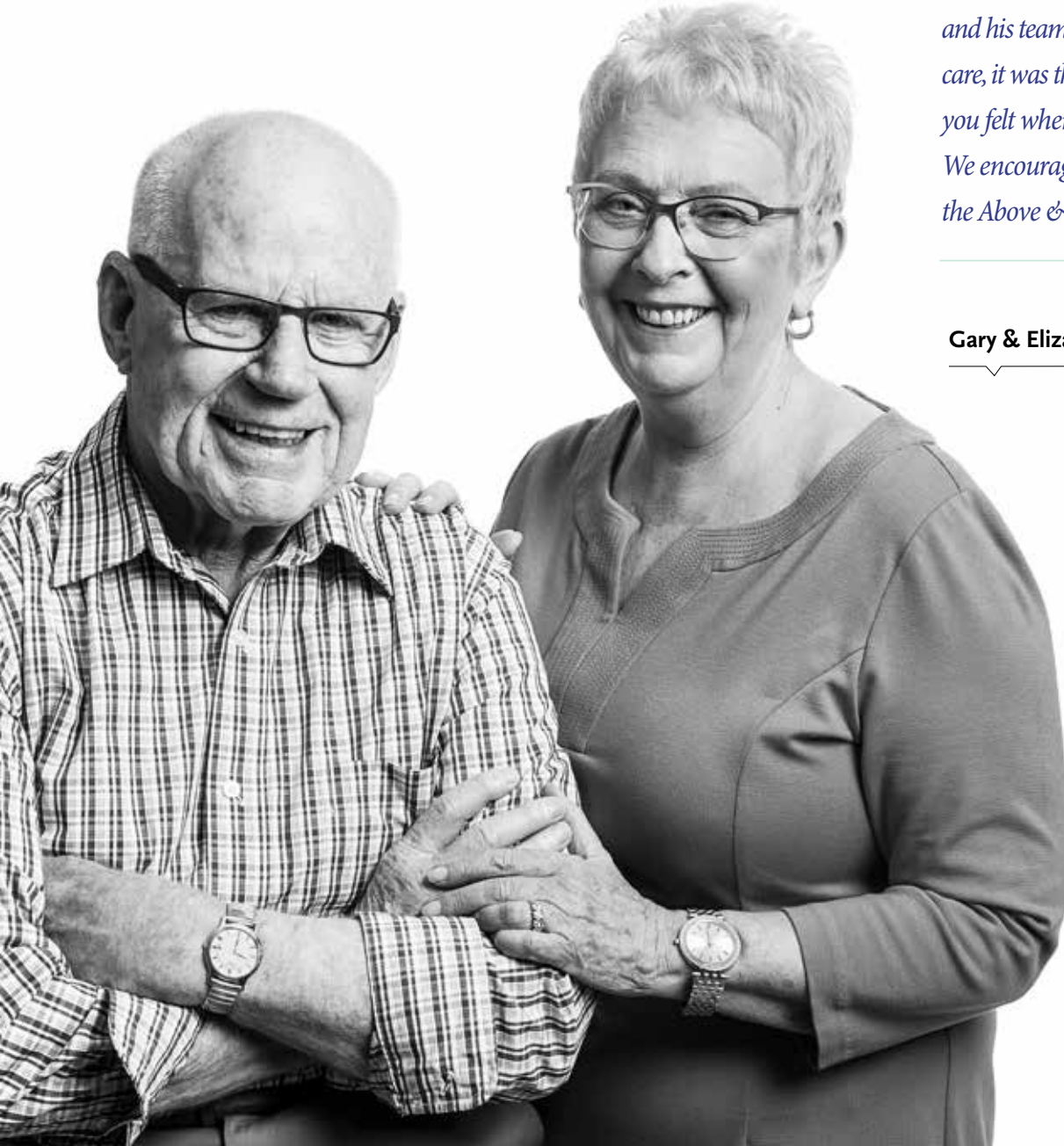
Integrating new technologies throughout our facility will provide our patients and visitors with mobile connectivity, and a powerful communication and patient health education platform that will contribute to a better patient experience and improved health outcomes.

New Patient Experience Technologies will include hospital-wide Wi-Fi access for patients and visitors.

Our new facility will also incorporate the latest information technology tools, including mobile tablets in patient rooms and specific waiting areas, health education digital displays, and patient flow and visitor way-finding tools.

Whether keeping in touch with loved ones, accessing health education information, finding their way through our facility, or providing entertainment and a distraction from an illness or injury... technological access will improve the experience for our patients and visitors during their time with us.





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*The care I received under Dr. Alex Mitchell and his team was unbelievable. Aside from my care, it was the warm and friendly culture that you felt when you walked through the door. We encourage others to join us in supporting the Above & Beyond Campaign.* – Gary Newman

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**Gary & Elizabeth Newman**

# Thoughtful giving has many expressions.

By giving generously to the ABOVE & BEYOND Capital Campaign, donors can play a significant part in the success of a generational healthcare project in our community.

Outright donations are the most direct means of supporting the Campaign. Donors may make a one-time donation or pledge their support for a period of up to five years. Automatic debit or credit card payment options also exist. And donors may also contribute stocks, bonds, annuities, real estate or other capital property.

The Campaign also offers many opportunities for individuals, families, businesses, and foundations to have their contribution recognized permanently and publicly on a room or space within the redeveloped facility. Tangible recognition can feature the name of the contributor or that of an honouree.

We invite you to contact the Foundation to discuss the options for supporting the campaign that best suit you. And how we can appropriately recognize your generosity.

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