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“LRHF Invests Over \$465,000 Into New Technology For The Endoscopy Department at Lloydminster Hospital”

April 21, 2010 – Lloydminster AB/SK - The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation (LRHF) is proud to show case the brand new Endoscopy Department in Lloydminster Hospital, and highlight the difference it is making on local health care.

The fully functioning Endoscopy Department project totalled over \$1.2 million dollars, with the Lloydminster Region Health Foundation investing over \$465,000 into specialized, high-tech equipment. Funds helped purchase six Colonoscopes, used to view the large bowel, and four Gastrosopes, which allow surgeons to view the patient’s esophagus and stomach. Also purchased was a pediatric gastroscope, for children and small patients.

Endoscopy procedures in Lloydminster Hospital continue to be more efficient than ever, thanks to new technology. “Technology has advanced in the years that I have been a nurse”, says Carol Hryniuk, Surgical Unit Manager at Lloydminster Hospital. “Fifteen years ago there were no monitors for physicians to look at. The new endoscopy equipment provides bigger, brighter images on monitors. Everything is done in ‘High Definition’.”

Georgina Altman, LRHF Executive Director says, “Having leading-edge technology right here in Lloydminster is a true testament to our donors and their generosity. This endoscopy equipment is some of the best equipment you’ll find anywhere, in any Hospital in Canada. Having high-level equipment saves patients from travelling to larger centres for their scopes procedures, which means less down-time from work, and less time away from family.”

High-Definition screening features of these brand new scopes are what sets them apart, and the three full-time surgeons practicing at Lloydminster Hospital are thrilled with the addition. Altman explains, “The scopes enable our surgeons to address pre-cancerous issues in patients, which is saving lives. They can make accurate and timely diagnoses, and offer treatment before additional concerns arise. With community donations, the Health Foundation was able to help put the best tools and equipment into the hands of our surgeons, which allows them to do their jobs efficiently and effectively”

The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation is in its 27th year of providing essential funding to enhance healthcare in our community. Since inception, the Health Foundation has invested over \$11.2 million dollars into the community, \$7.5 million in the past five years alone.

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