

How Well Do You Know Your Community Hospital?

iCare Quiz

Did you know?

The benefits of our Capital Redevelopment Project include:

- Greater patient privacy and comfort
- Highly improved infection control
- Increased ward sizes and working spaces
- Comfortable, patient friendly out-patient services
- Highly specialized medical equipment and services



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TEGH is only \$20 million away from reaching our Capital Campaign goal. What is the total amount of public support needed to complete the Hospital's Capital Redevelopment Project?

- A) \$200 Million
- B) \$60 Million
- C) \$100 Million

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Who is the new Chair of the TEGH Foundation Board of Directors?

- A) Michael Burns
- B) James Werry
- C) Moe Chochla

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How many new inpatient beds will be available in the New Patient Care Centre?

- A) 200
- B) 220
- C) 289

Enter your answers online for a chance to win an Apple iPad and show your support for TEGH – www.tegh.on.ca

We Appreciate Your Feedback: If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Toronto East General Hospital Foundation. We'd love to hear from you. www.tegh.on.ca

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"This expansion is in our budget; it is in our fiscal plan; we are moving forward with this project"

The Honourable Deb Matthews,
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care



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Inspire the Growth and Health of our Children

The first of our two-stage renovation of the Paediatric Ambulatory Clinic is scheduled to open this fall. Located on the main level of the Hospital, the new Clinic will feature a welcoming reception area, five examination rooms, a breastfeeding clinic and an interview room. The key programs offered as part of the Paediatric Ambulatory Clinic will now be located in one space, offering convenience for parents and families and a collaborative environment for Medical Staff.

At Toronto East General Hospital, we understand that some of the most fragile members of our community are our children. In fact, more than 20% of the emergency visits at TEGH are paediatric. By addressing a full spectrum of childhood and youth health concerns, TEGH is playing a vital role in providing better care and enhancing the health of our young patients. Visit our friends at www.FriendsofTEGH.org to see how they are raising funds for our Emergency department.

Our plan is to consolidate the outpatient programs at TEGH and create one destination for paediatric care at the Hospital. Once completed, the new Paediatric Ambulatory Clinic will be easy to access and will work collaboratively to ensure seamless delivery of care.

"A new Paediatric Ambulatory Clinic will allow us to consolidate services to provide a more efficient and welcoming environment for the patients and families we serve."

Dr. Constantine Petrou, Chief, Department of Paediatrics



Paediatrics at TEGH

- TEGH's Emergency is the only community hospital emergency department to enter into an affiliation agreement with SickKids Hospital, which enables TEGH to treat children with the same care protocols and standards used in the ER department at SickKids.
- TEGH is designated as the Regional Paediatric Centre for South East Toronto.
- TEGH is designated as one of five Regional Centres for Child and Adolescent Mental Health.
- TEGH offers a Level II Special Care Nursery for infants who require monitoring, incubation, isolation and short-term ventilation.
- TEGH is the only hospital in Toronto to be designated as "Baby Friendly" by the World Health Organization & UNICEF.

A Special Thank You!

On March 17, 2010 Patrick Pecker brought his wife, Anna Marie into the maternity ward at Toronto East General Hospital. Although she wasn't due for another three weeks, Anna Marie hadn't been feeling well that day, and the couple decided it was best to make a visit to the Hospital. When both mom and baby's heart rates began to rapidly increase, Anna Marie was taken to the OR for an emergency C-section while Patrick waited to meet his new child. Unfortunately, it would be hours before that moment would come.

Anna Marie's delivery was grueling for both her and the baby. Arielle's response was severely depressed at birth and she had to be resuscitated. While undergoing anesthetic for the C-section it was discovered that doctors could not intubate Anna Marie and had to perform a partial tracheotomy. What should have been the happiest day of his life was turning into one of the worst Patrick had ever experienced.

"After what seemed like a lifetime of waiting, a nurse walked out of the OR with my daughter. For a few moments I was able to hold Arielle in my arms before she was taken into the Paediatric Special Care Unit and I was told I needed to be with my wife."

With his new daughter in the Paediatric Special Care Unit and his wife, a few floors down in the ICU, Patrick felt as if his entire world was in the hands of strangers. He will never forget what that group of strangers did for his family.

"The care we received at Toronto East General was nothing short of amazing. The staff was totally devoted to Anna Marie and Arielle's care. The way they treated us, you would have thought we were the only family in the Hospital."



Arielle and Anna Marie

Today, both Anna Marie and Arielle are happy and healthy, and Patrick believes he owes this all to the incredible doctors, nurses and support staff at TEGH. "I believe that the Hospital pulled out every stop to ensure I would still have a family. No one ever gave up on us, and for that I will always be grateful."

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- Patrick Pecker



TEGH Launches A New Grateful Patient Program



Are you a grateful patient?

Here are a few examples of what Grateful Patients have made possible at TEGH.

Dr. Michael Bentley-Taylor - THE HEART OF TEGH

Throughout his 37 years of providing outstanding cardiac and diagnostic care and treatment, Dr. Bentley-Taylor, long time cardiologist at TEGH, developed a dedicated following of grateful patients. His genuine compassion and human concern for his patients has established a number of true friendships and people who have been motivated to give back in some way for his extraordinary kindness and his expert clinical care.

Dr. Bentley-Taylor has not just created a following of grateful patients; he has inspired their support for critical projects like the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at TEGH. Dr. Bentley-Taylor said, "It took seven years of hard campaigning to raise the \$3.8 million for the first Cardiac Catheterization Lab and now, years later, we must work on raising funds to expand this lab. It means so much to our patients, who no longer have to travel to other institutions for care while in crisis."

A dedicated and tireless "saint", as he is often referred to by his patients, Dr. Bentley-Taylor - uses his "vacations" to lead humanitarian missions in Africa, China and other places around the globe. Dr. Bentley-Taylor, who will be retiring from TEGH, leaves a legacy of caring that will not easily be matched. With a gentle bedside manner, he reaches to the heart of the matter. Even when delivering disheartening verdicts to patients and loved ones, Dr. Bentley-Taylor slows his whirlwind pace and he impresses on his medical residents the importance of combining compassion with medical expertise and recites the mantra "we must always ask if we are being kind".

The impact Dr. Bentley-Taylor has made at TEGH is immeasurable. The support he has inspired from grateful patients and donors has advanced TEGH's cardiac program.

Physicians at TEGH have unusually close connections with their patients. In fact, it is this direct connection between patients and doctors that sets TEGH apart from other institutions and often is what brings physicians, and keeps them here at TEGH. "TEGH offers doctors the best of both worlds with an opportunity for teaching and research like the downtown academic centres but with fewer layers of interns, residents, senior residents and fellows between the physician and the patient."

Often we are asked if there is a way for people to honour or thank their doctors. The new *Grateful Patient Program* will offer patients and families this opportunity to recognize the compassion, support, dedication and expertise of physicians like Dr. Bentley-Taylor and other members of our medical team. Stay tuned for more information on the *Grateful Patient Program* in the coming months.

We invite you to make a personal impact today with a gift as a grateful patient. No gift is too small. To learn more about the Grateful Patient program and other ways to support TEGH, please contact us at (416) 469-6003, or visit us online at www.tegh.on.ca.



■ Dr. Bentley-Taylor

Recent & Upcoming Events

>> **Toronto Beach Rotary Tune-Up Run** - The Toronto Beach Rotary Club, and special guests, Ben Johnson and Global Toronto's Meteorologist, Anthony Farnell, gathered for a warm-up run on the Boardwalk in preparation for the Beaches International Jazz Festival Tune-Up Run - held July 24th. Proceeds from the Run were directed to the Paediatric Department.



>> **McHappy Day** - McHappy Day was held May 11th and the proceeds of five local McDonald's Restaurants benefitted The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit at TEGH. The Unit provides care that includes inpatient services, transitional day programs and school programs.

>> **Murphy's Law Pub Night** - Murphy's Law Irish Pub held their annual pub night on March 25th in support of the TEGH Capital Expansion Campaign. Drew Taylor, Elena Semikina, Councilor Mary-Margaret McMahon and former Toronto Argo Kris Aiken were all on hand to accept a cheque for \$10,000 from Joanne Britton of Murphy's Law.



>> **17th Annual Golf Classic** - On June 13th at the Scarboro Golf and Country Club, Remax Hallmark Realty hosted the 17th Annual Golf Classic. A sold-out tournament raised a record total of over \$100,000 for the TEGH Redevelopment Campaign. Save the date! The 2012 tournament is booked for June 11, 2012.



>> **3rd Annual Celebration of Food & Wine** - On July 27 over 200 guests joined renowned Chefs Anna & Michael Olson and Didier Leroy for the 3rd Annual Unique Celebration of Wine & Food in support of TEGH presented by Wind Mobile. The theme for the event was *Ontario meets France*.



>> **East York Old Boys** - On a beautiful day at the gorgeous Summit Golf & Country Club on Monday, August 30th The East York Old Boys celebrated their 10th successful year and over \$35,000 was raised for Toronto East General Hospital. Save the date! We've booked the 11th Annual EYOB Golf Tournament at The Summit Golf & Country Club for Monday, August 27th, 2012 - reserve your spot today.



UPCOMING EVENTS

>> **Laughter is the Best Medicine** - Comedian Will Arnett, best known for roles as George Oscar "G.O.B." Bluth II on the Fox comedy *Arrested Development* and as Devon Banks on the NBC comedy *30 Rock* and supporting roles in comedy films *Semi-Pro*, *Blades of Glory* and *Hot Rod*, will be the host of our Spring Gala. Stay tuned for more.

Message from the Chair



I am honoured to take on the role of TEGH Foundation Chair. These are exciting times for our Hospital and I am thrilled to be able to share the TEGH story in my opinion the best kept health care secret in Toronto.

On August 17th, the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care visited TEGH to make an important announcement about the future of our Hospital and the growth of our community.

Minister Matthews announced the "TEGH has the green light to proceed with redevelopment." This announcement is a huge step forward for the Hospital. Together, with your support, we are going to build a modern, state-of-the-art facility that will inspire the growth and health of our community.

There is no doubt that Toronto East General is the number one community hospital in Canada. With the support of the

province and our community, we will work to ensure that TEGH is at the forefront of health care in Canada.

I believe Toronto East General Hospital is a community success story that needs to be told. We are only \$20 million away from reaching our Capital Campaign goal of \$60 million. We are almost there – and with your help we will succeed!

The Foundation and Board is grateful for, and humbled by, the generous support of our community. This achievement is a testament to each and every one of our donors who have participated in this monumental campaign. We celebrate this news, and we celebrate you! These are exciting times for Toronto East General Hospital, and we hope that all of you will share in the pride and support of this institution.

Michael Burns

Michael Burns
Chair, TEGH Foundation

I Give Because...TEGH is my family

"When I trained as a nurse at Toronto East we lived in the dorms at the Hospital, and I met my husband when he was an intern there. The Hospital has always been a big part of my life. My classmates were like family and it is the nucleus of my friends."

Helen McBrien has been a part of the Toronto East General Family for over 50 years. After training here as a student nurse and working on staff for more than 15 years, our Hospital is like her second home. That is why a Gift of Stock was an easy investment for Helen to make.

"A Gift of Stock is an easy way to give. I wanted to donate a specific amount to the Hospital and this was an ideal way to avoid paying capital gains. TEGH can be a winner, and I can be a winner."

For Helen, a Gift of Stock means so much more than avoiding capital gains. As a strong supporter of our Hospital, Helen has volunteered with the Volunteer Services for more

than 40 years and truly believes TEGH is a Hospital that puts the community first.

"We have to be able to look ahead to the future and support our community. It is important for all of us to show appreciation for what TEGH has done for our friends, family and community. We have to ask ourselves – if we don't support the Hospital, will it be there when we need it most?"

Gifts of Stock and Securities allow TEGH to provide the facilities and equipment that ensure quality and compassionate patient care in the community. For more information on these types of gifts, please feel free to contact Debbie Owen at (416) 469-6580 ext. 2161 or at dowen@tegh.on.ca

Your Support Saves Lives!

Take a Breath of Life

The establishment of The Toronto Lung Centre will allow TEGH to become a definitive provincial leader in chest health. It will be pivotal in the delivery of high quality lung cancer diagnosis and surgery, and produce a destination for learning that will retain and attract the best and the brightest. The target for this project is \$5M.

The Toronto Lung Centre will offer: open and minimally invasive surgery procedures including: esophagectomy, thoracotomy, lobectomy, pneumonectomy and biopsies. As well as endoscopic procedures such as: bronchoscopy and EBUS, gastroscopy and specialty consultative services for diagnosis and long-term management of respiratory disease.

Finally, it will provide integrated follow-up with an acute in-patient respirology unit specialty care & consultation. The state-of-the-art Lung Centre will be designed to maximize patient comfort and infection control. Your investment in this project will allow TEGH to realize its Vision, "to establish the most comprehensive chest health lung program in the Province.



■ Toronto Lung Centre

The Next Generation of Prostate Surgery

With \$1.5 million left to raise from our \$5M goal, Toronto East General Hospital is poised to join an elite group of Canadian hospitals offering the benefits of minimally invasive-robot-assisted surgery.

The da Vinci Robotic Surgical System will allow the surgeons at TEGH to operate in an entirely new way. By putting their hands at the controls of a state-of-the-art robotic platform, surgeons can perform the most complex and delicate procedures through very small incisions with unmatched precision, which results in better outcomes for prostate surgery.



■ The da Vinci Surgical System

With your support today, TEGH will establish one of the most advanced surgical urology programs in the GTA. Currently \$1.5 million is still needed to acquire the da Vinci Surgical system, but with your generous support we can offer new hope and healing for men living with prostate cancer.

Help. us achieve our goal today!

Capital Equipment Highlight

The Surgical Anaesthesia machine is one of the most widely used pieces of medical equipment in our Hospital. Currently we need to purchase an additional 15 of these essential medical tools. With your generous support today, we can purchase these state-of-the-art machines and continue to provide the best quality of care possible to everyone in our community.