

Huntsville Hospital Foundation recipient of Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Foundation funding for COVID-19 relief

The CMA Foundation's COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund granted \$100,000 to Huntsville Hospital Foundation as part of its COVID-19 relief initiative to support those on the frontline of this pandemic. The funds announced today are being used to purchase:

1. Automated Dispensing Unit

These automated machines are a crucial part of medication management, accordance with our Ontario College of Pharmacy standards as well as maintaining our 'Exemplary' status with Accreditation Canada. The ADU create a safer, smarter process for getting the right drug, to the right patient, in a faster more efficient way. These units increase medication safety and security through metal locking lid drawers with features like barcoded labels and patient profiles interfaced with pharmacy software. The ADU also increase pharmacy inventory workflow.

2. Education Training Room

Educational Training room will provide a dedicated space for hospital staff training.

3. Professional Flex Space

Additional space was needed in the hospital to accommodate COVID-19 safety requirements for physical distancing. Workspaces shared by various staff, such as social workers, patient flow navigators and dieticians, were no long safe to use. Flexible space will give them a private space to do patient care work on behalf of their patients and patients' families.

Huntsville Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Katherine Craine states, "We are very fortunate to have CMA provide this generous opportunity at this crucial time. The funding will help greatly in the physical changes that need to be made in the hospital. The pandemic has brought about very challenging circumstances for our hospital and the impact of this major grant will help to alleviate some of those challenges. Thank you to the CMA Foundation!"

The CMA Foundation announced the COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund as part of its commitment to provide COVID-19 relief. The \$5 million fund supports hospitals across Canada with fewer than 100 beds to meet their evolving needs with activities, equipment and training that enhance staff wellness, improve access to care and help prepare for future pandemics.

"I am inspired every day by the dedication of physicians, health care providers and all hospital workers as they continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic head-on," says Allison Seymour, CMA Foundation president. "We know these are extraordinary times that require extraordinary support. From managing evolving health care needs to address changes in your community, to ensuring the proper equipment and training for your staff, our hope is that these funds will have a positive impact as you continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic."

The CMA Foundation is the charitable arm of the Canadian Medical Association and provides impactful charitable giving that furthers excellence in health care. To date, the foundation has committed more than \$30 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Huntsville Hospital Foundation is a fundraising organization dedicated to improving healthcare services for residents of Muskoka and East Parry Sound. A registered charity since 1984, its mandate is to provide ongoing capital and education resources for Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. This will ensure our hospital and medical professionals have the

technology and equipment they require to provide exceptional care. Find out more about the Foundation by visiting www.huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca

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