

Introducing Two New Chiefs At Georgetown Hospital

Chief of Surgery

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Christopher Lu has been named the new Chief of Surgery at Georgetown Hospital. Dr. Lu has worked at Georgetown Hospital for the past seven years as an Orthopaedic Surgeon specializing in Foot and Ankle Surgery—bunions / ankle ligament repair. In conjunction with Dr. Vikram Venkateswaran who specializes in Sports Orthopaedics—Rotator Cuff / ACL surgery.



“We cannot offer all Orthopaedic Services at Georgetown Hospital. However, we feel passionately that the services we do offer have to be significantly better than what is offered elsewhere in Canada. Donations help us fund the cutting edge equipment we use to get the people of Halton Hills and Georgetown back on their feet—literally.”

Chief of Internal Medicine

We also welcome the new Chief of Internal Medicine, Dr. Sithamparamanathan Skanthan. Dr. Skanthan is a Geriatrician who started at Georgetown Hospital just a year ago and also runs the new Geriatric Assessment Clinic. He has been practicing as a Geriatrician for over 10 years in various locations across Canada.



“It’s really important to have this clinic for the senior patients in this community. We can help those with memory problems, when they have trips and falls, depression, and many of other complex medical issues.”



New Geriatric Assessment Clinic Now Open

The Geriatric Assessment Clinic provides comprehensive assessment, a plan for management of geriatric issues, and follow-up for geriatric outpatients. The team consists of a Geriatrician and Nurse Practitioner. The goal of this service is to optimize health and well-being, support independence, and enhance the quality of life for patients.

A Year Of Change

In the last year, the hospital was able to increase its urology services. In the coming year, we will be bringing two Ear, Nose and Throat surgeons to the Georgetown Hospital. These are just two ways the hospital is evolving its services to meet the growing needs of our community.

A Note From The Executive Director



SANDRA TAYLOR
Executive Director
Georgetown Hospital
Foundation

Towards the end of 2019 there was a “decade challenge” on Instagram to post a picture of yourself from ten years ago beside a current one. It was a fun way to see how much can change in a decade, and it made me think of how much has changed in the last ten years at our community hospital.

Back in 2010 at Georgetown Hospital, there was no CT scanner and no new Emergency Department. In the Diagnostic Imaging department, technicians had to develop film from X-ray machines in order to see images. In our patient rooms, sinks were still outside bathrooms near beds. There were no Urology services with Green Light and Holmium lasers, and today’s very busy Fracture Clinic was years away from opening. Thanks to the generosity of you and others in our community, our hospital has come a long way in modernizing equipment and improving patient care since then. We are grateful community support is the one thing that hasn’t changed over the years!

As we embark on a new decade, we need to keep going. Technology is rapidly advancing, and the Georgetown Hospital Foundation is committed to raising money so exceptional healthcare continues to be available right here in our local community. Many people still don’t realize the Ministry of Health does not provide all the funds necessary to purchase new or replacement equipment that the Hospital requires to keep pace with the progress of medical advances. We are fortunate our community understands the need to support our hospital so we can benefit from technological improvements and new services.

Ten years from now we will no doubt look back and marvel at the evolution of Georgetown Hospital and the amazing new advances in healthcare in this decade. And we will be truly thankful to our community for funding the equipment and technology that will help fuel that change. On behalf of all of the patients and families who benefit now and in the future from the generous gifts you make to Georgetown Hospital, I extend our heartfelt gratitude.

Winter Safety: Preventing Slips, Trips And Falls

- **Walk consciously** and be alert to be able to respond quickly to changes on your walking path.
- **Plan ahead** to give yourself sufficient time to avoid rushing.
- Ensure your footwear has **non-slip soles**.
- When walking on ice or snow, take **shorter, smaller steps**.
- If your **arms can be outstretched** they can help you keep your balance.
- **Look out** for any black ice on the walkways or roadways.
- When entering buildings **remove as much snow and water** from your footwear as you can, so a potential slip hazard is not taken into the building.
- When entering or exiting your vehicles, **hold on to the door** or side of the vehicle for extra support.



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Impact Of Donor Gifts

New equipment acquisitions made possible by your donations this year



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- 1 Hill-Rom VersaCare Hospital Beds
- 2 Holmium Laser – allowing the hospital to expand urology services
- 3 Infant Radiant Warmers will help staff to stabilize sick newborns
- 4 Rhinolaryngoscope with Light Source – specific to paediatric ear, nose and throat procedures

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Leave A Legacy

People tell us they support the hospital today because they are grateful for the care they or a loved one have received. Did you know estate gifts also help?

Whether it was to build the new Emergency Department six years ago or, more recently, to help fund new X-ray machines, recognizing there would be unknown healthcare needs for a growing community, many thoughtful people provided gifts in their Wills years ago that are benefitting our community today. What an incredible legacy to leave!

Because of you and your community's generosity, Georgetown Hospital has the latest medical equipment available for our talented healthcare providers. When you update your Will, will you include a gift for the future health of our community?

Did you know?

People often believe they don't have enough to share beyond family. Without question, your family comes first, but it doesn't have to be one or the other.

Giving to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation can save your estate in taxes, leaving even more for your loved ones.

In Celebration Of John Langtry III

John Langtry III was born in 1950 and raised on the east shore of Montreal. After moving with his family to Georgetown in 1968, John attended the University of Waterloo attaining a degree in mathematics.

John had a successful and fulfilling career in the communications industry; retiring from Bell as a manager.

Although John never married, he had many passions in his life including the love of animals, the love of church, compassion for those less fortunate, and motorcycles. John regularly supported a number of charities of which the Georgetown Hospital Foundation was one.

Through a generous donation of \$100,000 bequeathed to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation in his Will, John's legacy continues to show his community support and caring.



JOHN LANGTRY III
1950-2019

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For more information about how you can make a future gift to Georgetown Hospital, please contact:

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PATIENT STORY

Lois Fraser Loves Her Local Community

She is passionate about the people, the community spirit, its local businesses, and the various groups and associations that make up the fabric of its daily life. But perhaps most of all, Lois can't say enough about the exemplary experiences she's had at her local community hospital—Georgetown Hospital.

"I moved to Georgetown when I was one year old," says Lois. "When I was young, we didn't have a local hospital. We had volunteer ambulance drivers who would have to transport you to Guelph if you needed care. My father, John Elliott, was one of many volunteer drivers. You don't realize, until you have a local hospital, how important it is to a community."

And so, in 1961, when the new Georgetown Hospital opened its doors, Lois and her family were ecstatic. "I sang at the opening of the hospital," Lois continues. "The community really celebrated the hospital's opening. It was a very important step in our community's growth."

And her enthusiasm for excellent local healthcare continued as she grew up and made her life in Georgetown with husband Al Fraser. "Al was a pharmacist in town and had a very strong interest in our local healthcare. He became the hospital Foundation's first President, spearheading, along

with his Board, the first fundraising efforts to provide leading-edge technology and equipment for Georgetown Hospital," remembers Lois. "We knew even then how important it was to put the best equipment into the hands of our local healthcare providers."

Fast forward to the 1980's and early 90's, and Lois was thrilled to have four of her five children at Georgetown Hospital (her youngest was adopted from Romania). "I loved having my babies there. I was always proud that our kids were born here in our hometown and, in 2018, our first

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grandchild, Andrew, joined in on the tradition as well."

But life, of course, isn't all positive and, in 2002, Lois also said goodbye to her mother, Norma Elliott, at Georgetown Hospital. "Mom was a huge supporter of Georgetown Hospital," recalls Lois. "It was appropriate that she took her last breath there, in a place she loved and supported."

Over the years, there have been many occasions for Lois and her family to use the hospital. "In every instance,"



says Lois, "Georgetown Hospital has been about the people. Yes, we need to support the hospital to ensure the healthcare staff have access to the right equipment and technology, but there's something about the people and the atmosphere at Georgetown Hospital. When you're there, you know you are going to be taken care of."

And, the tradition of generosity that Lois and her family have always had when it comes to supporting excellent healthcare in their local community, continues today. "I'm a member of the Kiwanis Club, and our service club has raised more than \$250,000 over the

years for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. Kiwanis knows that having great healthcare close to home is important."

"The hospital is an integral part of our community's identity," finishes Lois. "Not only does it provide access to local healthcare, it represents the value we place on each other as part of a community—the fact that we raise the funds required to put the right tools in the hands of our healthcare providers for our families, loved ones, friends and neighbours."

Community Partners

LIONS AND KIWANIS CLUBS

At our Donor Appreciation event on November 21st, 2019 we recognized two of our service clubs, the Lions Club of Georgetown and the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, for their long-standing and generous support of Georgetown Hospital. Each Club has cumulatively raised well over \$250,000 for Georgetown Hospital—an incredible accomplishment!



GEORGETOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

Thank you to Georgetown Cruise Nights for their amazing support of Georgetown Hospital. This year they donated \$4,093 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation with the proceeds from the 50/50 draws held each week in the summer. If you didn't get the chance to go visit them at Mold-Masters Sports-Plex last summer, mark it in your calendars for this year to check them out on Friday nights!



GEORGETOWN RAIDERS

We would like to thank the Georgetown Raiders who have donated over \$5,000 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation this season through their Road Hockey to Fight Cancer Tournament as well as their Pink in the Rink fundraiser.



START YOUR OWN THIRD PARTY EVENT

If you are interested in more information about planning an event in support of Georgetown Hospital, please contact Jeff Hoffman at jhoffman@haltonhealthcare.com or at 905-873-0111 x 8241

Upcoming Events

Pita Pit Fundraiser for Georgetown Hospital Foundation

JANUARY 30 & 31, 2020
235 Guelph St, Georgetown

McHappy Day

MAY 6, 2020
185 Guelph St, Georgetown
374 Queen St, Acton

Kiwanis Club of Georgetown Lobsterfest

MAY 22, 2020
Gellert Community Centre

Shoppers Drug Mart Run for Women

MAY 23, 2020
Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Oakville
www.runforwomen.ca

Georgetown Cruise Nights

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
FROM MAY 29-AUG 28, 2020
Mold-Masters Sports-Plex

Lions Club of Georgetown Golf Tournament

JUNE 8, 2020
Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Georgetown

Classics Against Cancer Car Show

JUNE 21, 2020
Cedarvale Park
<https://classicsagainstcancer.com/>

Walk Or Run For Georgetown Hospital

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
Gellert Community Centre

Georgetown Hospital Foundation Gala

NOVEMBER 7, 2020
Glencairn Golf Club

