



# News Release

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## For Immediate Release

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### **Urology Surgical Services Continue to Grow at Milton District Hospital** ***Thank You to the Milton Community Fund Donation***

**Milton, ON** – Thanks to the generosity of the Milton Community Fund Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has been able to purchase specialized surgical instruments for the Operating Room at Milton District Hospital (MDH).

A \$28,854 grant was used to purchase a flexible utereroscope/cystoscope for the MDH urology service.

“In 2010, we were fortunate to have recruited Urologist Dr. Kevin Kwan to MDH. Dr. Kwan’s arrival meant we were able to offer a number of urological procedures that previously were not offered in our community,” said Janet Skupsky, MDH Chief Operating Officer. “Now through the generous support of the Milton Community Fund, we have been able to purchase an additional utereroscope/cystoscope which will aid in the continued growth of these surgical services at MDH – we couldn’t be more grateful.”

“An ureteroscope is an instrument for examining the inside of a urinary tract, and essential in relieving pain for a suffering patient,” noted Dr. Kwan. “This instrument can see beyond the bladder into the ureters – the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys - to the bladder, which allows the physician to actually see kidney stones and have the opportunity to remove them. When partnered with laser technology, a flexible utereroscope allows physicians to break a kidney stone into smaller pieces so that the patient can pass the smaller pieces naturally when urinating.”

“The arrival of these specialized scopes will help reduce the wait time for certain procedures,” said Janice Dziekpak, Patient Care Manager, of the Operating Room/PACU, and Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR). “Due to the strict standards for cleaning and reprocessing this fragile equipment, the MDR staff require dedicated time to do this properly. With the addition of these scopes we can continue to effectively manage the increasing number of urology procedures at the Hospital with minimal delays.”

Government funding does not provide for the costs of hospital equipment so it is through community support, like the Milton Community Fund and fundraising by the MDH Foundation and Auxiliary, that HHS is able to purchase much needed patient care equipment for the Hospital.

The Milton Community Fund was established in 2001 to distribute a portion of the funds that the Town received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Mohawk location).

HHS is a multi-site healthcare organization that operates three community hospitals which include Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, serving over 300,000 residents. For more information on HHS, please log on to [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com).

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**(l-r)** Scott Lowes, Medical Device Reprocessing Technician and Dr. Kevin Kwan, Milton District Hospital (MDH) Urologist show off the Operating Room's new surgical tools, a flexible uteroscope/cystoscope, which MDH was able to purchase thanks to the Milton Community Fund.

