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## **The Milton Community Fund helps Halton Healthcare purchase vital surgical equipment for Milton District Hospital**

**(Milton ON) April 22, 2015** –The Milton Community Fund has generously reached out to Halton Healthcare’s Milton District Hospital (MDH) again this year to help enhance patient care. The Milton Community Fund donated over \$25,000 toward the purchase of another resectoscope for MDH. A resectoscope is a vital surgical instrument used to perform a number of urological and gynaecological surgical procedures.

“The Milton District Hospital is very grateful for the funding provided by the Milton Community Fund this year. It allows our hospital to meet the growing needs of our constantly expanding population in a more timely and effective manner with the highest safety standard possible,” said Janet Skupsky, Chief Operating Officer, Milton District Hospital.

“Timely diagnosis and treatment of urological and gynaecological conditions is key to ensuring the best outcome possible for our patients,” said Dr. Kevin Kwan, Urologist, Milton District Hospital. “A resectoscope is a surgical instrument used to remove damaged tissue from the uterus, prostate, bladder, or urethra or to take samples for biopsies in the diagnosis of benign and cancerous tumours.”



**Operating Room Nurses, Kari Redwood (left) and Grace Caiado flank Dr. Kevin Kwan, Urologist, as he demonstrates the new resectoscope at Milton District Hospital.**

A resectoscope is a thin tube-like device that allows physicians to perform minimally invasive surgical procedures that are less traumatic for patients and require less recovery time. The instrument includes a wide angle microscope that allows for complete visualization of the surgical site. It is attached to an electrically-activated wire loop which removes the damaged tissue. The loop cauterizes the site as it moves, limiting bleeding and eliminating the need for stitches.

“Having this new equipment at Milton District Hospital increases the number of cases that we can book per day because we don’t need to wait to sterilize the instrument between patients,” explained Janice Dziepak, Patient Care Manager, Operating Room and Surgical Day Clinic, Milton District Hospital. “It will also help us avoid the occasional down time we have experienced when instruments had to be sent out for repair.”

“The availability of an additional resectoscope means we can accommodate a larger number of patients. We can book the same surgery back-to-back or we can conduct two procedures simultaneously, to create better patient flow and use our Operating Rooms more efficiently,” continued Mrs. Dziepak. “This wonderful donation by the Milton Community Fund will mean more timely access to surgical care for patients and greater booking options for our surgeons.”

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).

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### **About Halton Healthcare**

Halton Healthcare is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 325,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville. With an outstanding reputation as a workplace of choice and a good community partner, Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com). Follow us on Twitter [@HaltonHlthcare](https://twitter.com/HaltonHlthcare).

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