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Milton Community Fund Helps Improve Patient Care at Milton District Hospital

(Milton, ON) – Thanks to a \$26,084 grant from the Milton Community Fund, Halton Healthcare was able to purchase two blood gas analyzers for the Laboratory at Milton District Hospital (MDH).

“Blood gas analyzers assist in providing accurate and rapid blood gas results to all areas of the hospital, especially critical areas such as Emergency, Intensive Care Unit and Recovery,” said Dr. Gavin Hui, Associate Chief of Staff and Chief of Medicine, MDH. “The analyzers are a vital addition to the hospital particularly as we see increases in levels of acuity and patient volumes.”

Over the past year, MDH has seen close to a 20 per cent increase in surgical volumes. The analyzers play a key role in the diagnosis of conditions such as sepsis, a potentially life-threatening condition caused by the body’s response to an infection, as well as the diagnosis of drug overdoses, kidney failure and shock.

“The analyzers are used on a daily basis by laboratory staff and results are available day and night,” said Mr. Wael Fathi, Senior Hematology Medical Laboratory Technologist. “This technology can provide over 15 critical care results very quickly,” he added.

“We are very grateful for this equipment and thank the Town of Milton for their generous support as we continue to provide exemplary patient experiences at Milton District Hospital,” said Janet Skupsky, Chief Operating Officer, MDH.

The Milton Community Fund (MCF) program supports activities that enhance the quality of life and/or image of our community. Funds for this program are provided based on proceeds received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Mohawk location).



Mr. Wael Fathi, Senior Hematology Medical Laboratory Technologist at Milton District Hospital stands next to the two new blood gas analyzers funded through the Milton Community Fund.

About Halton Healthcare

Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and several community programs and services including: Burlington Dialysis Centre, Oakville Hospital Footcare & Orthotic Centre, Georgetown Diabetes Program, one-Link, and North Halton Mental Health Clinics. Together we provide healthcare services to nearly 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare has been recognized for its best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com
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