



## Connecting Our Care With Technology

Over the last decade, hospitals have developed regional health care systems to improve patient care.



For example, did you know that film is no longer used to view X-ray images? Instead, images are stored on large storage devices allowing radiologists to review your image from a computer monitor. Another interesting fact is that rural

hospitals such as Four Counties Health Services seldom have a radiologist on site to view images; instead, they work at larger healthcare centres. The images taken at our hospital -- and other hospitals in our region -- are stored digitally in London.

As another illustration, hospitals are continuing to improve processes by removing the paper chart to become fully electronic. In many respects, we are well behind other industries (such as banking) in moving to a paperless environment, which provides many benefits to patient care. Data for our current electronic patient record system is stored over 3 hours away, and continues to undergo improvements.

As a result of these expanding systems, hospitals have had to increase their reliance on healthcare technology infrastructure to connect its staff and physicians to your health information. This infrastructure and its related projects are crucial roadways that must remain up and running to maintain the flow of information. These initiatives are intended to keep care closer to home, all the while relying on the best systems and health care professionals in the area.

Please consider generously supporting this Healthcare Technology Appeal!

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## ClinDoc Strategic Planning \$5,184

Project planning to move all paper charting for nursing, physicians and other allied health professionals into an electronic format.



## ePractice Phase 2 Optimization \$36,836

Project to improve electronic and medical data system which will drive better patient safety and outcomes.



## Computer Server Room UPS \$50,000

Maintains operations to critical computer infrastructure during a power failure.



## Closest Switches \$24,500

These devices are critical to patient care as they provide connectivity to electronic medical records.



**Total \$116,520**

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# FCHS Hospital Update



**Steph Ouellet and Dr. Sharma**

I wish to sincerely thank all who participated and/or volunteered in our FCHS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last June. It demonstrated for me your huge passion and commitment to the hospital.

Our hospital continues to have an impact for our communities. Did you know that our hospital saw 10,043 patients in our emergency department last year? This is one of the highest number of visits in the hospital's history, and an increase of over 2% from the previous year. Also, our inpatient unit saw an increase in occupancy (94% this past year, up from 75% the year before). These facts continue to highlight the need is ever present for FCHS in serving its communities in the area.

That being said, we continue exploring ways to innovate and improve access to specialists at FCHS. Drs. Sharma and McCabe moved into their newly renovated family physician offices last spring. We are also pleased to have Dr. McPherson join the FCHS family in providing additional cardiology services. As well, Dr. Chandra (OB/GYN from Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital) is expected to begin a Women's Health Clinic at FCHS in the near future. Lastly, after an extensive review of the endoscopy program following Dr. Eberhard's retirement, we are expected to resume this service once we have secured additional equipment and resources.

As we continue to promote our vision of the health village for FCHS, we are in ongoing discussions with several other specialty programs and healthcare partners to complement our existing services.

We look forward to sharing these developments with you over the coming months!

Thank you!

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