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VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF STATE-OF-THE-ART MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY SUITES

Winnipeg, MB – The Victoria General Hospital Foundation announced today that the 100% donor-funded \$1 million project to outfit two surgical suites with state-of-the-art minimally invasive surgery technology is complete. The conclusion of this project marks a final major step forward in the Vic's Medicine & Miracles campaign.

"We are so grateful that so many generous supporters' dedication to our hospital has made this project possible," Victoria General Hospital Foundation Executive Director Charlene Rocke, said. "The commitment of all of our supporters to ensuring high quality health care is available for our community is truly inspiring."

The surgical suites have received their first major facelift since they were designed over 35 years ago. The renovation includes the addition of high definition cameras, flat-panel monitors, and lights attached to mechanical arms mounted on the ceiling.

"The technological upgrades are impressive but the benefits for patients will be even more remarkable," Victoria General Hospital President & COO Francis LaBossière said. "Our patients will experience fewer complications, a reduced risk of infection and a significantly reduced recovery time. These upgrades will keep the Vic at the forefront of minimally invasive surgery in Canada and allow us to continue providing our patients with incredibly high quality care."

The minimally invasive surgery suite upgrades is the latest in a series of recent accomplishments for the Vic's surgery program.

“From the groundbreaking Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) system we acquired last year to the Green Light Laser Therapy we acquired just weeks ago the future of surgery at the Vic looks bright,” LaBossière said.

For more information on these initiatives or how to donate, please call 477-3513 or visit us online at www.thevicfoundation.ca.

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