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Victoria General Hospital First Winnipeg Hospital to Perform New Laser Outpatient Procedure for Enlarged Prostate

Advanced laser technology delivers breakthrough solution for enlarged prostate

Winnipeg, MB – Victoria General Hospital announced today it is the first medical facility in Winnipeg to treat enlarged prostate using a new laser treatment called GreenLight™ XPS Laser Therapy. Enlarged prostate, also known as benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), affects more than half of all men over the age of 50.

GreenLight XPS Laser Therapy uses laser energy to remove enlarged prostate tissue. The result is in an open channel for urine to flow through, with fewer risks of sexual and other side-effects common with a traditional invasive surgical procedure. Patients recently treated at Victoria General Hospital have experienced rapid symptom relief, a dramatic improvement in urinary flow and reported minimal side effects. More than 500,000 patients worldwide have been successfully treated using GreenLight Laser Therapy.

“GreenLight Laser Therapy is another huge step forward in Victoria General Hospital’s innovative surgery program,” said Victoria General Hospital President & COO Francis LaBossière. “From the groundbreaking Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) system we acquired last year to the minimally invasive surgery suite technological upgrades we are currently working on, the future of surgery at the Vic looks bright as we celebrate our 100th anniversary.”

Until now, treatment options for BPH in Winnipeg have been limited to a lifetime of medication or an invasive surgical procedure. Medication is a costly alternative that can stop working over time and has potential side effects. Invasive surgery is associated with higher risks and complications, such as impotence and

incontinence, and typically requires a two to three day hospital stay and four to six week recovery.

“The purchase of the GreenLight Laser Therapy system would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters and financial support of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority,” said Victoria General Hospital Foundation Executive Director Charlene Rocke. “Our community is committed to high quality healthcare and it is through their generous gifts that the hospital can continue to stay at the forefront of surgical innovation.”

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