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Early Screening Saves Lives

In the Endoscopy Operating Room at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), there are rows of new equipment that are helping to save lives every day. Eight new colonoscopes and four new gastroscopes have been purchased – thanks to our generous donors. The total cost of the scopes was \$379,766.13!

An endoscopy is a procedure that allows the inside of the bowel and stomach to be examined for abnormalities. This procedure is done under sedation. A camera and light at the end of the scope allow for endoscopists to visualize all of this on a colour TV monitor. This equipment allows for screening, surveillance, and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions.

“The care and generosity of our community has allowed us to increase our inventory of scopes, allowing us to do more procedures each day,” explains OR Team Leader Joanne Pollock. “The new scopes are state-of-the-art technology that allow the surgeons to detect abnormalities more easily. Thank you to the wonderful WDMH Foundation donors who made this possible.”

“As always, we are incredibly grateful to all of our donors who made this equipment purchase possible. We simply wouldn’t have equipment like this to care for our patients without our compassionate donors. Thank you to each and every one of you, including one anonymous donor who has provided a very generous gift to support this project,” adds WDMH Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman.



Cutline: Operating Room Team Leader Joanne Pollock (left) and Dr. Malika Oberoi, Chief of Surgery in the Endoscopy Room with some of the new equipment.

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