

Sophisticated new IMCU reducing wait times, advancing care

QEII's Intermediate Care Unit improving outcomes for patients



The newly opened Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) at the QEII is improving outcomes for patients who've experienced brain or spinal surgery. The new unit has greater capacity; reducing wait times and providing a better healing space for patients and their families.

Patients who've experienced brain or spinal surgery are being monitored in the newly opened Intermediate Care Unit, which was funded by a community of QEII Foundation donors who, together, raised \$2.5-million in support of the *Neuroscience Alliance* campaign.

The new unit has greater capacity – adding two additional beds, and is dramatically impacting outcomes, with 50 per cent more brain and spinal surgeries taking place at the QEII as a result of the campaign.

The updated IMCU also provides more privacy for patients. Those who've experienced brain surgery recover faster in a quiet, isolated environment with minimal distractions. Private rooms

also make it easier for family members to spend time at the bedside of loved ones.

The extended neuroscience care team at the QEII is anxiously awaiting the next installation of the *Neuroscience Alliance* program – a renovated Epilepsy Monitoring Unit that will open in May and impact outcomes for patients living with seizures.

Join us at the opening of the expanded Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

MAY 30 6-7:30 PM

RSVP TODAY

Contact Krista at 902 442 7141 or Krista.Langille@QE2Foundation.ca.

QEII Foundation accredited by Imagine Canada

First accredited health care fundraising organization in Atlantic Canada



In January, the QEII Foundation became the first health care fundraising organization east of Montreal to receive accreditation by Imagine Canada, an organization that strengthens and supports charities.

"I am proud to be part of an organization who has this stamp of trust and excellence," says Dale Godsoe, chair of the volunteer Board of Trustees.

"Together with our community of donors, our Board and staff strive everyday to make a big impact on health care at the QEII and this accreditation showcases our rigorous, efficient, and effective best practices."

Imagine Canada released their Standards Program in 2012. The program was designed to increase trust and build transparency within the philanthropic sector. The Standards Program helps charities improve their practices in five key areas: financial accountability, fundraising, board governance and staff and volunteer management.

To receive accreditation, an organization must meet 73 standards. The Imagine Canada Trustmark signifies that the QEII Foundation follows best practices, delivering on the promises made to the community of donors who, together, are changing and saving lives at the QEII.

Imagine Canada's Standards Program helps charities improve their practices in several key areas:

 financial accountability

 fundraising

 board governance

 staff/volunteer management



Mary is the president of Your Estate Matters Ltd. of Dartmouth, N.S. She helps her clients plan and organize their estates and assists executors through the estate administration process.

Who will act on your behalf?

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Estate planning isn't just for the wealthy; it's for everyone who wants to ensure their wishes will be honoured in the future. While your Will is an important part of this, it's also vital to have a plan in place for your lifetime, in the case of incapacity.

An Enduring Power of Attorney and a Personal Directive deal with your planning in the case of incapacity. They are as important as your Will. Unfortunately, they are often overlooked. According to a recent survey released by Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Co. (LawPRO), 71 per cent of adult Canadians don't have a signed Power of Attorney.

A **Power of Attorney** is a written document made under the Power of Attorney Act which, once signed by you, gives your appointed Attorney (this does not have to be a lawyer) the authority to carry out certain acts on your behalf with respect to your property.

General Power of Attorney – allows your attorney to do almost anything you can do for yourself with regard to your property. It should have specific language to state that it is enduring so that it is valid into incapacity.

Specific or Limited Power of Attorney – allows you to appoint an attorney to act on your behalf for a certain task or for a limited time.

A substitute attorney(s) can and should be named on your Power of Attorney. The alternative to no Power of Attorney is an application to Court for an adult guardianship which can be costly, time-consuming and cumbersome.

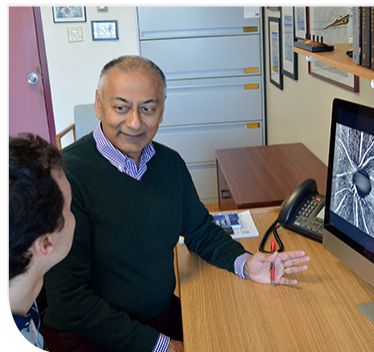
Each province has its own legislation relative to health care. In Nova Scotia, a **Personal Directive** provides your appointed delegate with the ability to make personal care decisions for you if you aren't able to. Personal care decisions relate to such things as health care, end of life decisions, residence and support services. They don't include financial matters. Those decisions are made by your attorney under your Power of Attorney.

Remember: The **key** to a successful estate plan is choosing individuals you trust and having the plan in place **before** you need it.

This article is for general information only and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice. You should always consult with your professional legal and financial advisors before deciding upon a course of action.

Do you have questions about planning your Will?

Contact Mary at 902 233 1798 or marymason@yourestatematters.ca.



Friends of the QEII Foundation Spring Tea

JUNE 1, 2-3:30 PM – Dr. Balawantray Chauhan will present his glaucoma research that is impacting care for QEII patients. Contact Lori Scott at LoriJ.Scott@QE2Foundation.ca if you are interested in attending this event.

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