

ECG set for health centre

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A new addition to the Buckhorn Regional Health Centre will be arriving shortly.

Audrey von Bogen, chairwoman of the Buckhorn Regional Health Centre Foundation, has announced that an ECG machine is on its way. It will be a permanent fixture at the centre.

An electrocardiogram, or ECG for short, is the most commonly performed cardiac test. It screens for a variety of cardiac abnormalities and can help determine heart rate, rhythm, whether there has been a prior heart attack or coronary artery disease, whether the heart muscle has thickened abnormally, or if there are problems in how the electrical impulse spreads across the heart.

Health centre staff did their research, wrote and submitted an application to the Greater Peterborough Health Services Foundation. The Foundation then reviewed the request and granted the funding for the ECG machine.

"We hope this demonstrates the on-going commitment of the staff to improve the health services available in Buckhorn," Von Bogen said. "It is our hope that this foundation will also be providing a defibrillator to the clinic in the near future, to continue to improve the services for clinic patients."

The motto of the Greater Peterborough Health Services Foundation (GPHSF) is "guiding, giving, better living." The organization is dedicated to improving health and health services available throughout the City and County of Peterborough, and aims to be an active and responsible leader in supporting preventative measures to respond to needs in the community.

The GPHSF funds capital equipment, community-based capital projects, education projects and research. It has set as a priority projects that have a lasting impact on the community; support emerging needs in the community; improve the quality of life for people in the community; and new or innovative programs. The ECG machine at the Buckhorn Regional Health Centre certainly fit these criteria.

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