

Family Health Team

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Today, the Greater Peterborough Health Services Foundation (GPHSF) announced funding support for Primary Health Care Services of Peterborough to purchase pulse oximeters for Peterborough's Family Health Teams.

Pulse oximeters, made available through the support of the GPHSF represents the first funding allocation from the Foundation to the Family Health Teams. Brian McKinley, Treasurer, GPHSF, stated "This is the first of many exciting announcements that will indicate the importance of the new relationship between the Foundation and the Family Health Teams. As a result of funding received from our community through the Festival of Trees and other sources we have been able to secure this much-needed equipment to assist in the treatment of Influenza-Like Illness."

The pulse oximeter combines both a monitor and a sensor in a small hand-held assembly. Patients insert their finger in the device and the clinician is provided with an accurate reading of the patients' pulse rate, pulse strength, as well as the level of oxygen in their blood. "The ability to rapidly and accurately assess a patient for blood oxygen saturation in a non-intrusive manner is essential in providing optimal patient care." said Dr. Tom Bell, Physician Lead, Chemong Family Health Team.

According to Dr. Don Harterre, Physician Lead, Primary Health Care Service of Peterborough, "the relationship that is being fostered between the Health Services Foundation, Primary Health Care Services and the Festival of Trees will continue to enhance the level and quality of care that is available to the residents of our community."

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Committed to providing all residents of our community with a high-quality, seamless care experience built upon the foundation of primary care. Will enhance quality of life for residents and health care professionals by leading the development of an integrated and effective health care system.