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March is National Kidney Month

St. Mary's Hospital Centre inaugurates its new state-of-the-art dialysis unit

Montreal, March 23, 2010 – Just in time for National Kidney Month, St. Mary's Hospital Centre (SMHC) is pleased to announce the official inauguration of its new dialysis unit. After two years of renovation, and a total budget of \$5.5 M, this new unit will allow patients to benefit from the most rigorous quality standards of care. This state-of-the-art project was co-funded by the Quebec MHSS (Ministry of Health and Social Services) for \$4.8 M and by the SMHC Foundation for \$700,000.

“As a result of the major renovations our unit underwent in the past two years, we are now able to offer services in renal replacement that meet the highest technical standards of medical practice guidelines”, declares the Director of Nephrology, Dr. Johana Eid.

Mrs. Vi Bray, an SMHC dialysis patient for the past 5 years, is pleased and thrilled by the new unit. She says “the dialysis nurses have been darlings and kept our spirits up during the renovations of the new unit.”

The new dialysis unit of SMHC is divided into three distinct areas:

1) the central area with a total of 24 hemodialysis stations. It is divided into a main room with 19 individual treatment stations, including 2 isolation rooms, and an adjacent self-care room with 5 semi-autonomous stations. Both of these rooms are equipped with a new central distribution system of bicarbonate for a direct supply to the dialysis machines;

2) a peritoneal dialysis clinic to follow-up with patients who do peritoneal dialysis (a form of dialysis done daily at home);

3) a renal protection clinic for the education and the multidisciplinary follow-up of patients with advanced kidney failure.

The project also includes a procedure room, as well as conference and meeting rooms.

Facts: Kidney disease can strike anyone at any age. An estimated 2 million Canadians have kidney disease, or are at risk. Each day, an average of 14 Canadians learn that their kidneys have failed.

(Source: Canadian Kidney Foundation)

St. Mary's Hospital Center (SMHC) is a university affiliated, community hospital which serves a multicultural population. It seeks to provide the highest level of safe patient and family focused care. St. Mary's is an integral part of the Réseau universitaire intégré de santé (RUIS) McGill.

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