



PRHA Communication Corner

MBTelehealth services enhanced in PRHA

Dauphin General Hospital Foundation purchases second Telehealth Unit



Members of the Dauphin General Hospital Foundation join PHRA officials in front of the new second piece of video conferencing Telehealth equipment within the Dauphin Regional Health Centre. From left are John Kelly, DRHC Chief Operating Officer, Linda Kulkarni, PRHA Vice-President Community Health Services and Dauphin General Hospital Foundation members Dr. Jim Compton and Larry Artibise.

The Dauphin General Hospital Foundation has once again lent a helping hand to the MBTelehealth Program in the Parkland Region. The Dauphin Regional Health Centre's (DRHC) Telehealth capacity has increased through the Foundation's purchase of a second piece of video conferencing equipment.

"Telehealth activity in Dauphin has consistently increased to the point where we continue to be the one of the most active, non-Winnipeg sites, on the Provincial Telehealth Network. With the installation of a second

Telehealth video conferencing unit at the DRHC supplementary education and administrative activities will be more readily available," stated André Rémillard, Chief Executive Officer of the Parkland Regional Health Authority.

In addition to reducing travel to see specialists, Telehealth also benefits rural health care providers by decreasing professional isolation and improving continuing education opportunities.

As a regional hub for medical services for the area, Dauphin is now providing specialty clinics and

is supporting referrals from surrounding areas including Swan River, Russell and Ashern. Special services from other provincial tertiary care centres such as the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, St. Boniface General Hospital, Brandon CancerCare Manitoba are also available on the network.

Dauphin and Swan River are the Region's current Telehealth sites.

Further expansion is planned with Ste. Rose du Lac set to join the network as the Region's third site, when new equipment becomes operational in the next few weeks. The PRHA also identified Telehealth Services in Roblin as a priority within its health plan, however, provincial approval is required before proceeding with what would be, the fourth site in the Region.

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