

Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation

Cancer is not discriminating. It does not care who you are or the life that you have led. But what is the same for every patient is that waiting for a diagnosis is agonizing and excruciating. Every day that goes by is another day too long.

That's why this past Monday, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation were pleased to welcome Mayor Shaun Collier & his Town of Ajax Council colleagues to the hospital.

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant provided by the Ajax Partnership Fund, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation was able to help fund new lab equipment used to detect early signs of cancer to help better serve the medical needs of our community.

Lab assistants and technologists use a slide stainer and cover slipper to prepare a tissue sample for analysis. Using the new equipment, the piece of tissue is placed onto a slide, stain is added and then a coverslip is placed on top of the sample.

Next, a pathologist puts that slide under a microscope. They are looking for the smallest sign of cancer.

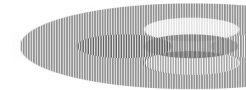
The lab team at the Ajax Pickering Hospital are proud of the hundreds of crisp and clear slides they are now able to produce each day.

The new **slide stainer and cover slipper equipment** makes the cancer detection process more automated and efficient, produces higher quality samples for analysis and enables more slides to be quickly produced and reviewed.

And in just the two and a half months since the new equipment came online, it has already produced 10,000 slides, which is estimated to be up to three times faster than previous methods.

This new equipment means that our patients will have their diagnostic results faster, either enabling their treatment to begin sooner or for the relief of the all clear to be felt earlier.

"Ajax Council and the Town of Ajax are proud to support our local



hospital through the Ajax Partnership Fund. I have heard that the new equipment is like 'night and day' in comparison to the old. Investing in our local hospital, is an investment in the health of our community and I know this equipment will help our hospital improve services to our community." – Mayor Shaun Collier

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Yours in Philanthropy,

Tracy L. Paterson

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