

## MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN DIAGNOSTIC AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Today's announcement of \$83.5 million will improve patient safety, reduce wait times and replace old equipment with updated machines. The following chart provides a breakdown of the investment.

Sector	Funding Amount	Equipment	Benefits to Patients
Nursing (30 per cent hospitals, 70 per cent long-term care homes)	\$29 million	Priority given to ceiling/wall mounted mechanical patient/resident lifts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Patient safety will be improved</li> <li>– Reduction and prevention of injuries to health care workers by minimizing unsafe manual lifting of patients and residents.</li> </ul>
Lab Services (In hospitals)	\$18.9 million	Laboratory equipment in hospital laboratories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– specific types of blood and chemistry analyzers, microscopes and refrigeration units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support Ontario's medical laboratory system with the capacity to meet increasing service demands, while increasing service quality and efficiency to improve patient care</li> <li>– Service coordination and standardized reporting of lab results</li> </ul>
Lab Services (In hospitals)	\$2 million	Regional forensic autopsy suite equipment in hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– microscopes, autoclaves, scales, stretchers and various other equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improve infection control and reduce safety risks for staff</li> <li>– Replace older technology to meet standards</li> </ul>
Land Ambulance	\$12 million	Land ambulances, emergency response vehicles, defibrillators, ventilators and selected trauma equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Replacement of aging equipment essential to patient care</li> <li>– Ensures emergency health workers have reliable vehicles and patient care equipment to ensure patient and workplace safety</li> </ul>
Long-Term Care Homes	\$7.2 million	Diagnostic, security and safety devices; specialized equipment used in the treatment of wound therapy, pain management and skin protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improve resident care and safety</li> <li>– Improved treatment outcomes</li> <li>– Reduce time required to receive care</li> </ul>
General Hospital (Hospitals)	\$6.9 million	Replacement CT scanners for four hospitals in Ottawa, Toronto, Newmarket and Kingston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– New and improved technology</li> <li>– Faster, more accurate images</li> <li>– Reduce the need for repeat scans that will result in reduced wait times</li> </ul>

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Telemedicine/ Teleradiology ( <i>in hospitals</i> )	\$6.3 million	<p>Vide Conferencing and telemonitoring units, high resolution cameras, and digital stethoscopes</p> <p>Teleradiology equipment to assist in the reading diagnostic scans over long distances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Help more patients to have their conditions diagnosed, monitored, and treated at or closer to home</li> <li>– Faster access to a broad range of clinical services</li> </ul>
Community Health Centres ( <i>CHCs</i> )	\$1 million	Exam tables, electrocardiograms, defibrillators and ultrasound machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improve patient care by upgrading and enhancing existing medical diagnosis and treatment equipment</li> </ul>
Aboriginal Health Access Centres	\$200,000	Upgrade diagnostic & medical equipment, paediatric examination tables, vaccine thermometers, automatic tympanometer, pulse oximeter, defibrillators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improve patient care by upgrading and enhancing medical diagnosis and treatment equipment</li> <li>– New and improved technology to meet the needs of the aboriginal community</li> </ul>
Total additional investment	<b>\$83.5 Million</b>		

\*A complete breakdown of the allocations for each sector is available on our website at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca> under the News Media section.