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## **NORTH SIMCOE-MUSKOKA LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK**

### **Nursing (Patient Lifts)**

The McGuinty government is improving the quality of care for patients by investing \$29 million to purchase mechanical patient lift equipment in hospitals and long-term care homes throughout the province.

The priority for this funding is for ceiling/wall mounted lifts. This equipment will not only improve patient safety by reducing their chance of injury while being moved, but it will also reduce the risk of injury to healthcare workers. Creating healthy work environments is important to the recruitment and retention of health care workers.

The ministry is currently negotiating a bulk purchasing agreement for the mechanical patient lifts to obtain the most lifts for the best price. Cost savings from this process will go towards the purchase of additional lifts.

### **Laboratory Equipment in Hospitals**

The McGuinty government is improving the service quality and efficiency of laboratories in hospitals by investing \$18.9 million to purchase laboratory equipment and \$2 million for regional forensic autopsy suite equipment in hospitals throughout the province.

Included in the approved list of equipment are specific types of blood and chemistry analyzers, microscopes and autopsy equipment. The implementation of new equipment and technology will support Ontario's medical laboratory system with the capacity to meet increasing service demands, while improving service quality and efficiency.

### **Land Ambulance**

The McGuinty government is improving existing land ambulances and equipment by investing \$12 million to replace and upgrade existing equipment throughout the province.

Approved equipment includes ambulances, Emergency Response Vehicles, defibrillators, stretchers, ventilators and selected trauma equipment. Many vehicles and items essential to patient care have, or are quickly reaching the end of their useful lives and require replacement. Ensuring the equipment used by land ambulance services in Ontario is updated and replaced benefits all Ontario residents.

## Long-Term Care Homes

The McGuinty government is improving the quality of care for long-term care residents by investing \$7.2 million throughout the province.

Equipment approved for purchase include various diagnostic, security and safety devices along with specialized equipment used in the treatment of wound therapy, pain management and skin protection. This equipment will improve resident care and safety as well as reduce time required to receive care.

## Community Health Centres

The McGuinty government is improving patient care by investing \$1 million in diagnostic and medical equipment in community health centres throughout the province.

Funded equipment includes examination tables, electrocardiograms, defibrillators and ultrasound machines. This investment will improve patient access and care by upgrading and enhancing existing medical diagnosis and treatment equipment.

HOSPITAL	CATEGORY			
	Nursing (Critical Care Bed Lifts)	Nursing (Ceiling Bed Lifts)	Lab Services (General) (\$)	Lab Services (Forensic Autopsy) (\$)
Huron District Hospital	4	14	-	-
The Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie Inc.	13	-	250,000	-
Collingwood General and Marine Hospital	5	6	-	-
Huntsville District Memorial Hospital	3	2	85,000	-
Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	6	-	-	-
South Muskoka Memorial Hospital	2	-	100,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>	<b>-</b>

LONG-TERM CARE HOME	CATEGORY	
	General DME (Diagnostic, Safety Equipment, etc.) (\$)	Nursing (Bed Lifts)
<i>Muskoka</i>		
Huntsville District Memorial Hospital	1,156	-
Huntsville District Nursing Home Inc.	7,323	7
Leisureworld Creemore Inc.	17,536	3
Muskoka Landing, Huntsville	9,057	3

LONG-TERM CARE HOME	CATEGORY	
	General DME (Diagnostic, Safety Equipment, etc.) (\$)	Nursing (Bed Lifts)
The District of the Municipality of Muskoka	15,416	7
<i>Peterborough</i>		
Extendicare (Canada) Inc. (Extendicare Lakefield)	9,635	-
<i>Simcoe</i>		
477281 Ontario Ltd. (Coleman Care Centre)	10,791	4
859530 Ontario Inc. (Leacock Care Centre)	13,778	-
Barrie Long Term Care Centre Inc. (Roberta Place)	13,393	-
Bay Haven Nursing Home Inc.	5,781	10
Central Care Corporation (Oak Terrace)	9,057	-
Collingwood Nursing Home Ltd.	5,781	-
Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens	13,778	-
Hillcrest Village Inc.	9,635	-
Huronian Nursing Home Limited (Sara Vista Nursing Centre)	5,781	-
IOOF Senior Citizens Homes Inc.	14,935	24
Leisureworld Inc. (Leisureworld Caregiving Centre-Barrie)	5,492	-
Leisureworld Inc. (Leisureworld Caregiving Centre-Creedan Valley)	9,153	10
Stayner Nursing Home Limited	4,721	-
The County of Simcoe (Georgian Manor)	10,310	16
The County of Simcoe (Sunset Manor Home for Senior Citizens)	14,453	1
The County of Simcoe (Trillium Manor Homes for the Aged)	11,755	-
Victoria Village Inc. (Victoria Village Manor)	12,333	-
Villa Homes Corporation (The Villa Care Centre)	10,502	8
Woods Park Care Centre Inc.	11,851	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253,406</b>	<b>112</b>

MUNICIPALITY	LAND AMBULANCE FUNDING (\$)
Muskoka	194,635
Simcoe	518,980
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$713,615</b>

<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE</b>	<b>FUNDING (\$)</b>
Barrie Community Health Centre	18,669
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,669</b>

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