



# It's New Brunswick's turn to transform surgical care.

**Emile Hachey,**  
the province's first robotic-assisted surgery patient

Robotic-Assisted Surgery Campaign Report  
May 2023



## Campaign by the Numbers



**1,091**

Donors made gifts



**3**

Lead donors made gifts of \$500,000 or more



**37**

Major contributors made gifts of \$5,000 or more



**\$37,000**

Donated by physicians and health care providers



**10**

Months to fundraise



**\$4.2 million**

Raised supporting robotic-assisted surgery



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## The future of surgery is here. Thanks to you.



### Your generosity never ceases to amaze us.

In 2022, we embarked on an ambitious campaign to bring robotic-assisted surgery to New Brunswick. This cutting-edge approach in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery would transform the operating room, providing benefits to medical staff and patients alike.

When we launched the campaign at our annual Love Your Hospital Radio-thon on February 10, 2022, our goal was to inspire community support and bring this innovative technology – which has been the norm in many parts of the world for some time - to the Saint John Regional Hospital by 2024.

We were quickly overwhelmed by your outpouring of support and generosity.

Because of your leadership, partnership, and commitment to improving the well-being of our community, we were able to welcome the da Vinci surgical robot to New Brunswick in less than a year.

As a result, the first robotics surgery team successfully completed their first procedure in October 2022.

As we reflect on this past year, we want to acknowledge your collective contributions which made all this possible. From the surgeons who advanced this project from concept to reality, to our donors - big and small - we want to say thank you.

This campaign exemplifies the power of philanthropy and how, together, we can transform health care.

Thank you again for your generous support and for igniting and inspiring philanthropy's power to advance health care in New Brunswick.

With gratitude,

  
**Jamie Gallagher**  
President & CEO

## Our heartfelt thanks to you.

Our sincere thanks to the individuals, foundations, and organizations whose gifts have transformed surgical health care at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

We are pleased to recognize those supporters whose generous contributions of \$5,000 or more were instrumental in bringing the da Vinci surgical robot to New Brunswick.

### \$500,000 +

**Isles Foundation Inc.**

**JD Irving Limited**

**The McCain Foundation**

### \$100,000 – \$499,999

Anonymous (3)

Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation

Sir James Dunn Foundation

Mr. Allison and Mrs. Clare McCain

### \$50,000 – \$99,999

Canada Life

Mrs. Margaret McCain Roy and Mr. Paul Roy

Miramack Charitable Foundation

National Bank of Canada

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception

Local Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners (The Murphy and Springer Families)

Wells Private Wealth Management and RBC Dominion Securities

### \$25,000 – \$49,999

Anonymous (2)

Canadian Pacific

Mr. Martin and Mrs. Kathy Dumouchel

LEL Holdings Ltd.

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**\$10,000 – \$24,999**

Anonymous (2)

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**\$5,000 – \$9,999**

Anonymous

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## Your Impact

**Your gifts to the da Vinci surgical robotics campaign are already impacting patients and medical professionals at the Saint John Regional Hospital.**

A provincial leader in minimally invasive and cardiac surgeries, robotic-assisted surgery sets the stage for the next level of surgical program excellence. The presence of the da Vinci robot ensures more precision and faster recoveries while attracting and retaining the very best medical talent.



The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation and its donors have been long-standing partners in care with Horizon. We are grateful for your generosity and continued commitment to improving care in your community. Thank you for investing in the future of our surgical teams.

—Margaret Melanson,  
interim President and CEO of  
Horizon Health Network

The da Vinci surgical system is designed to help surgeons perform minimally invasive surgery. The innovative robot can be used across a spectrum of surgical procedures, including general urologic, cardiac, and gynecologic surgery and more.



I've witnessed first-hand how surgical robotics can navigate complex surgeries and improve patient outcomes. The donor support for robotic surgery has been unbelievably impressive. There has been so much excitement in the community and throughout the hospital about this new technology.

—Dr. Matt Acker,  
Urologic oncologist at the Saint John Regional Hospital



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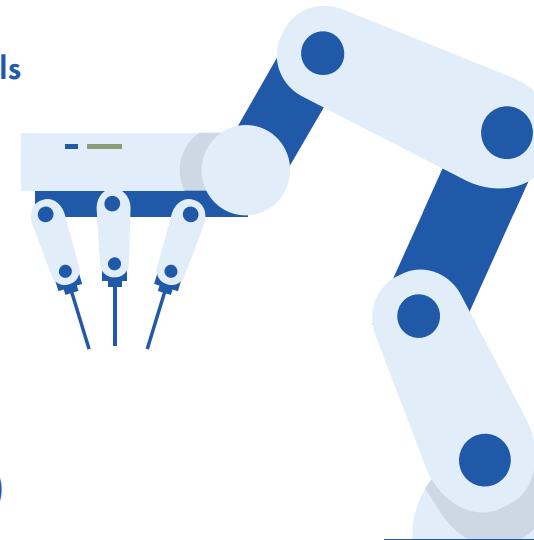


The technology used to perform complex surgeries has better patient outcomes and patient satisfaction. It's correlated with shorter hospital stays and less risk of complication. Patients as a whole recover faster, with less pain and fewer drugs.

**30+**  
surgeries completed  
*(as of March 2023)*

**5**  
medical  
professionals  
trained on  
da Vinci

**2**  
types of  
surgeries  
completed  
(prostate  
and kidney)



I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was given a choice. I chose robotic-assisted surgery, and it was amazing. I spent one night in the hospital, and the next morning I came home. Thank you to all the donors who brought robotic surgery to New Brunswick. It's something that will help a lot of people. I'm the first one here who had it done, and I feel fantastic.

—Emile Hachey,  
the province's first robotic-assisted surgery patient



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