RENFREW VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Legion supports new equipment for patient care at RVH

The availability of up-to-date equipment helps to ensure smooth and efficient care for our patients at RVH. Dialysis patients in particular may require monitoring before, during, and after their three-times weekly treatments.

"Dialysis requires close monitoring of vital signs, including blood pressure, heart rate, temperature, and sometimes oxygen saturation. Having equipment that is current and that can be integrated to send information to our new Electronic Health Record, EPIC, is very important and helps the nurses be more efficient in how we collect and document information," said Janice Verch-Whittington, Clinical Manager Nephrology.

Recently, a grant of \$3,831 was received through the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation towards the purchase of a new Vital Signs Monitor for RVH's hemodialysis department.

The grants, which are disbursed through an application process, are a way for the Legions of the Ontario Command to contribute to the well-being of their communities. "The RVH Foundation application met the criteria for medical equipment that would benefit the greater community. We are happy to see the funds support our local hospital and community in this way," says Ella Box, member of Renfrew Legion Branch 148. "Funding a piece of much-needed equipment is a very meaningful contribution with a direct impact on care," says Patti Dillabough, RVH Foundation Executive Director. "We truly appreciate the grant and the difference this new equipment will make for patients and staff."



Left to right: Rose Lafont, Ladies' Auxiliary President, Melanie Clemmer, Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation Development Coordinator, Greg Walbeck, President, Bruce Ferguson, 1st Vice-President, Patti Dillabough, Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Bruce McLeod, Veterans Services Officer and Tena Miller, 3rd Vice-President were on hand for a recent cheque presentation.