



Vitality

March 27, 2004



Emergency Fast Track Clinic

Opened in October 2001, Markham Stouffville Hospital's Fast Track Clinic is an extension of its Emergency department. The Clinic is designed to service patients with less acute illness or injuries in a timely fashion, with the intention to "fast track" the patients for quick assessment and appropriate treatments. The Clinic allows the main Emergency department to focus on urgent and emergent cases.



How the Clinic works is every person who walks into the Hospital Emergency Department with an illness or injury is triaged by a nurse to determine the urgency of the person's medical problem. If deemed appropriate by the triage nurse, the patient has the option of being referred to the Fast Track Clinic. Medical conditions such as earaches, cough, upper respiratory, sore throat, minor lacerations, fractures and sprains, can be cared for in the Fast Track Clinic.

The Fast Track Clinic team includes an emergency physician, a nurse practitioner and a registered practical nurse. Patients who are referred to the Fast Track Clinic have equal access to all hospital services, such as diagnostic procedures (e.g. x-ray), laboratory tests, and specialist consultations.

Over the past two years, the Fast Track Clinic has helped alleviate the pressures in our main Emergency department. Here are what our patients have to say about our Fast Track Clinic:

"[The] Fast Track Program is absolutely sensational. I walked in after a car accident was fast tracked inside of an hour as opposed to the usual 4-8 hours. Everything was quick and professional."

"The Fast Track [Clinic] was very helpful and quick..."

The Fast Track Clinic is located in the main lobby of the Hospital, beside the main information desk. Hours of operation are: Tuesday-Saturday from 2:00-10:00 pm, Sunday and Monday from 12:00-10:00 pm.



Markham Stouffville Hospital/MSH Foundation "DonateBooks" Program

The MSH Library and MSH Foundation have implemented a new program for you to donate books to MSH. Although several reference books are purchased each year, the Hospital has a substantial "wish list" of books that it cannot purchase within the budget restrictions.

Who will use the books donated?

Our book list includes books that will be used by Physicians, Nurses, and Allied Health Care Professionals, such as our Child Life Specialists, Ultrasound Technologists and Pharmacists.

May I donate a book in Memory of a loved one?

Yes. A donation of a book from our Wish List, in memory of a loved one is a wonderful way to honor them. A notation will be made in the book that it was donated in their memory.

How can I donate books?

• To find out how you can donate books to the hospital, visit <http://www.msh.on.ca>, Foundation section, "What's New?"

What happens after I donate the book(s)?

- The Foundation will issue a tax receipt:
 - ❖ For cash donations designated to the "DonateBooks" Program; or
 - ❖ Upon presenting the original cash register receipt as proof of purchase.
- A "Donated by..." notation will be made inside the book. If you do not wish to be recognized in this manner, just let us know.
- The book will be forwarded to the Library for cataloguing and distribution.

Who do I contact for more information?

- Gail Knaggs, Librarian, MSH 905-472-7061
- Betty Morden, Executive Assistant, MSH Foundation 905-472-7579
- Or email us at donatebooks@msh.on.ca



Emergency Renovations

The Hospital Emergency Department will undergo renovations from March 22—mid June 2004.

The renovations will help us to better serve our patients, by providing more privacy for our patients, and rooms with enhanced infection control. Work will be done on the resuscitation area, suture rooms, as well as the waiting room and triage area.

During the renovation period, the number of rooms for patient assessment will be reduced, and waiting times for patients may be affected.

We apologize for this inconvenience and we thank you for your patience and understanding.



Gala 2004

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GALA CELEBRATION
2004

Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Gala, Friday, April 2, 2004 at LeParc Banquet and Convention Centre. Our Gala sells out every year, so if you are interested in attending, please call Andrea Guarino at (905) 472-7395. Limited number of tickets are still available.

This year, we are raffling off a lease of a BMW for one year, courtesy of Town + Country BMW (located on Kennedy just north of the 407) this is just one of 5 items. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for a chance to win, please call the Foundation office at 905-472-7059. Tickets are only \$10 each.

Unionville Public School Issues a Challenge



Pictured with Dr. Bear and York Region Police's Race Director Don Hutchinson and some of Unionville Public School's staff and student winners from 2003!

UNIONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL issues a CHALLENGE to ALL SCHOOLS in Markham and Stouffville to participate in the 2004 LEGACY 5 KM RUN or WALK in support of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Unionville Public School is the school to beat this year! Last year they won two of the categories for the school program: the "Top Pledge Collecting School" and the "Largest Number of Participants".

The Legacy School Pledge Incentive Program offers wonderful rewards for schools from sponsors such as Canadian Tire, Brooks and Student Express. The Event also offers rewards to individuals for their pledge collecting efforts and race results.

If you would like more information on the School Program please call Sheri Evans, Event Coordinator at 905-472-7000 ext. 6606 or visit our website.

www.legacy5k.ca