

Markham man joins unique treatment program

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A Markham clinic is the first in Canada to refer patients to a new study into the benefits of intravenous heart disease treatment.

Markham resident George Morrison, 70, had a quadruple bypass in 1997.

He didn't see his condition improve much even six months after the operation.

He was scheduled for further surgery, but opted instead for chelation therapy.

Before that began, he couldn't walk a block without taking medication.

The retired firefighter now walks at least two miles a day, five days a week. He gets maintenance treatment once every three months, he said.

Other patients he has spoken with have also had good results from the treatment, he said.

Chelation therapy isn't funded by the province and Mr. Morrison, along with other patients, must pay for the \$125 per treatment.

"But I tell people you can't put a price on your life," he said. "Who wants to be the richest man in the graveyard?"

The study is the largest of its kind and will involve almost 2,000 heart disease patients and 100 medical institutions.

It will examine whether or not the treatment is effective in treating heart disease.

The therapy involves intravenous infusions of vitamins and antioxidants over a three-hour span, said John Gannage, a Markham doctor participating in the study.

That infusion includes vitamin C, some B vitamins, magnesium and calcium mixed with a drug called EDTA.

Vitamin C helps repair injury to arteries while EDTA has an antioxidant effect and helps to thin blood.

This therapy has also been used to treat lead poisoning because EDTA removes lead from poisoned tissue.

Patients participating in the study receive infusions once a week for 30 weeks, followed by another 10 treatments about a month apart, Dr. Gannage said.

The study also includes a placebo group.

Patients who participate in the study must be 50 and older and have a history of heart disease.

The study began in the United States and enrolment of subjects will continue until next year. Dr. Gannage enrolled the study's first Canadian patient (a Stouffville resident) and has so far enrolled several subjects.

Those interested in participating in the study can call Dr. Gannage's office at 905-294-2335.

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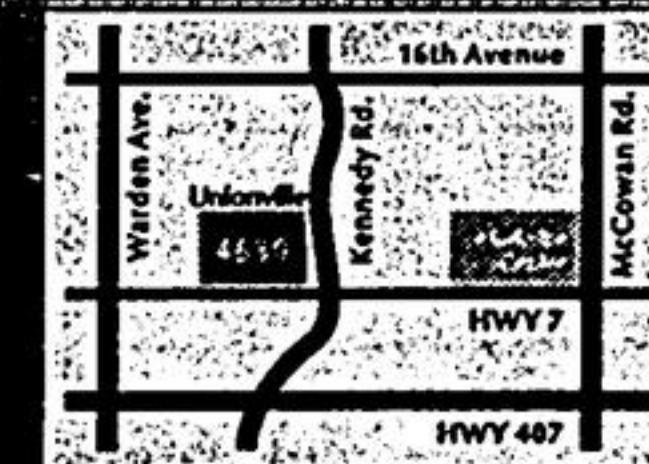
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