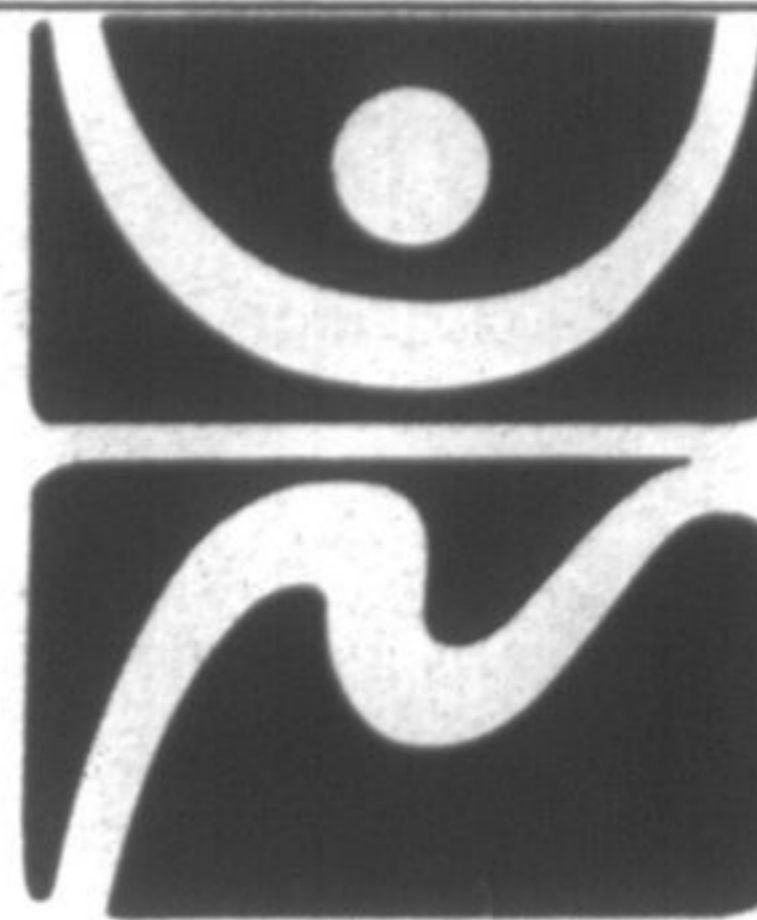


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Edwin Chan and other members of the radiation therapy team demonstrate the technology at York Region's cancer centre during an opening event Wednesday.

## Centre fully open in May

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

having to spend half of the day in the car, commuting five days a week for five weeks, would have been too much to bear with her energy depleted by the radiation.

"Not only that, but you have a family, a home and a work life," she said.

If she couldn't receive the treatment locally, she wouldn't be able to see her 12-year-old son, Mitchell, off to school in the morning or that she would have to burden family and friends to help her with the commute.

Without the need to travel for treatment, Ms Reeve will be able to continue her work as a medical assistant as well as spend quality time with her son and husband Jeff.

Monday's opening of the centre's radiation unit is the first part of a rollout of services at the Newmarket hospital. When fully operational by the end of May, the \$110-million centre will offer a full suite of treatment options to 1.2 million residents of York Region, including Whitchurch-Stouffville, and surrounding communities. Programs are being phased in due to construction delays on some floors.

The new radiation facility is expected to serve up to 1,500 patients per year. Initially three fully-equipped radiation treatment rooms will allow the centre to treat 120 to 150 patients a day, but the goal is to add another machine every year until all six rooms are operational, increasing treatment capacity to 3,000 per year.

"Usually centres start off with basic equipment and treatment, but here they are beginning with state-of-the-art technology and treatment," said Cancer Care Ontario provincial radiation treatment program lead Dr. Pdraig Warde during the centre's unveiling Wednesday.

All radiation treatments at the centre begins with a planning session in the Philips Brilliance Big Bore CT scanner during which the radiation medicine team determines the right positioning of the patient according to the location of the tumour. The images produced during the procedure are used to develop a detailed treatment plan, including the orientation of the lasers used for targeted treatment to spare healthy tissue and cells.

The Elekta Infinity linear accelerator, also known as LINAC technology, shortens radi-

► While the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre begins to open its doors service by service, the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation continues to accept donations to reach its goal of \$60 million for the new cancer program. Donations can be made online by visiting [southlakefoundation.ca](http://southlakefoundation.ca) or by calling the foundation office at 905-836-7333.

ation treatment times while increasing accuracy by emitting a high energy X-ray that penetrates deep-seated tumours.

Image-guided radiation therapy will be used by oncologists to ensure the most accurate treatment of patients with cancerous tumors. A three-dimensional picture taken during the planning session allows computer software to calculate the possibility of the tumour shifting so the patient can be positioned correctly for treatment. This technology increases effectiveness of treatment as it helps to avoid harm to critical organs.

The centre brings 21st century medicine home to York Region, Stronach Regional Cancer Centre radiation medicine program medical director Dr. Woodrow Wells said at the event.

"I always liked the airplane analogy — any plane can take you from Toronto to Ottawa, but which one would you take?"

With the latest technology offered at the centre, patients can be treated effectively in less time than with other treatments, he added. After years of planning he is proud to be open for business but more proud to say the medical teams, treatment procedures and inviting atmosphere have made the experience ordinary for their first patient and those to come.

Southlake has set the benchmark for future cancer centres in Ontario, taking just seven years from vision to opening its doors and offering treatment, compared to the provincial average of 13 years, Southlake CEO Dan Carriere said.

"This building is special because the relationships build between the patients, their families and the medical teams," he added.