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Ultraviolet Light Disinfection System Arrives at Woodstock Hospital

Patient safety is a top priority at Woodstock Hospital. When a patient is discharged or moved from one area of the hospital to another, Infection Prevention and Control and Housekeeping staff work together to ensure the room is properly cleaned and disinfected for the next patient.

Woodstock Hospital now has another tool to enhance cleaning throughout the facility. The new ultraviolet light disinfection system, combined with manual cleaning efforts, quickly and effectively kills harmful pathogens found in health care settings. The disinfection system uses remote sensors to ensure the correct dosage of ultraviolet light in the C spectrum is delivered to disinfect all areas and surfaces in the room.

“The ultraviolet light disinfection system does not replace regular housekeeping protocols,” said Janis Humeston, Director of Housekeeping, Medical Device Reprocessing Department and Portering Services. “Once staff have manually cleaned the room, they bring in the ultraviolet light disinfection system for enhanced cleaning. Depending on the size of the room, the disinfection system may take 15-45 minutes to disinfect the area. Currently, we are using it to disinfect patient rooms and operating rooms.”

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation’s 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held in June of 2019 at Craigowan Golf Club. The golf tournament raised money to support the purchase of the ultraviolet light disinfection system which cost \$87,950.

“We would like to thank all of the participants, sponsors and the Golf Committee that made last year’s golf tournament a success,” said Jocelyn Jenner, Senior Development Officer with the Foundation. “Your involvement helped us purchase this piece of equipment, which further enhances patient care and safety at Woodstock Hospital.”

While the fundraising efforts for the disinfection system occurred last year, the equipment arrived at the end of March 2020.

“We are fortunate that the ultraviolet light disinfection system arrived in time to assist in the fight against COVID-19,” said Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. “This leading edge technology will allow housekeeping staff to enhance cleaning throughout the facility,” said Perry.

The Woodstock Hospital Board of Trust recently approved the purchase of a second, similar UV light.

In the picture from left to right: Jocelyn Jenner, Woodstock Hospital Foundation Senior Development Officer; (back) Barbara Poleska, Part-time Housekeeping Worker; Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO.

About Woodstock Hospital

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women’s Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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