



Health Sciences Centre FOUNDATION

ASPER FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES \$200,000 TOWARDS HSC WINNIPEG'S CENTRE FOR SURGICAL INNOVATION

April 20, 2016 – The Health Sciences Centre Foundation is very pleased to announce a \$200,000 contribution from The Asper Foundation towards HSC Winnipeg's Centre for Surgical Innovation. This generous contribution will ensure further development of world class research and patient care at this advanced facility, one of only seven such facilities in the world.

"We are honoured to provide a contribution that will touch the health care of so many families here in Manitoba," said Gail Asper, President of the Asper Foundation. "It's critical that Manitobans have a health care system that they may rely on in their greatest time of need. We hope our investment in the Centre for Surgical Innovation will further that aim and lead to breakthroughs in research and enhanced patient care. Winnipeg is fortunate to have this tremendous facility in its own back yard, and we are proud to support its continued growth and development."

"I want to thank Gail Asper and the Trustees of The Asper Foundation for this inspired donation. Through their foundation the Asper family continues to have a profound impact on our community with their generosity and vision," said Jon Lyon, President & CEO of the HSC Foundation. "This gift will reach many families and will further encourage staff and volunteers who work to improve care at HSC Winnipeg every day. Thank you for making a difference in the health care system at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg."

In addition to the impressive surgical capabilities offered thanks to the MRI, the Centre for Surgical Innovation also enables researchers and physicians to learn about new ways to improve care through research that utilizes the MRI technology. Research programs underway include studies on areas of care such as traumatic brain injury and multiple sclerosis.

"Generous contributions from donors like the Aspers really underscore the strong connection HSC Winnipeg has to the people we serve throughout our community," said Dana Erickson, Chief Operating Officer of HSC Winnipeg. "The Centre for Surgical Innovation, supported by HSC Foundation donors, allows our surgical and research teams to provide the best possible hospital experience for patients and their families."

The HSC Foundation continues raise money to support world class research and patient care in many areas, including the Centre for Surgical Innovation. To learn how your gift can bring hope to life visit www.hscfoundation.mb.ca.

About the Centre for Surgical Innovation

Since it's unveiling in 2013, the Centre for Surgical Innovation has already performed more than 4,100 advanced surgical procedures and 24,600 imaging procedures. The Centre has saved lives and prevented numerous additional surgeries for many Manitoba patients.

The Centre contains two advanced operating rooms, one located on either side of an intraoperative MRI suite. The MRI can enter either room while a patient is undergoing surgery. One room is primarily designed

to support neurosurgery – examples include treatment of brain tumours, epilepsy, or spinal cord injury. The other room is primarily designed to support neuro interventional procedures – examples include treatment of strokes and aneurysms.

The MRI provides surgeons with real-time medical imaging of a patient while a surgery is in process, allowing surgical teams to be more efficient and extremely precise - for example letting the team know if more surgery is required on the spot rather than having to perform another procedure at a later date.

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About the HSC Foundation

HSC Foundation supports the men and women who provide health care at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg by funding research, education, advanced technology and infrastructure enhancements. Help us bring hope to life and donate today at www.hscfoundation.mb.ca.

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