

## EXPANDING MRI SERVICES IN ONTARIO

The McGuinty government is ensuring Ontarians have shorter wait times for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services by opening more MRI machines across the province, expanding the hours of operation of existing MRI machines, and replacing older MRIs with new, more efficient machines that deliver more exams faster. As a result of investments this fiscal year, an extra 40,000 (or 14.5 per cent more) MRI exams will be delivered by the end of 2004-05. These investments alone will result in 53,461 more exams in 2005-06, a nearly 20 per cent increase in MRI procedures since the government came into office. Listed below are the details of the new or expanded MRI services:

Provincially Funded MRI Capacity as of March 31, 2004			276,448 exams		
MRI Announcement	Additional Exams '04-05	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Additional Exams '05-06	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Running Total MRI Exams '05-06
<b>MRI Announcement – September 24, 2004</b>					
<b>New MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from 9 new MRI machines – hospital/city – starting dates</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>+5.1%</b>	<b>22,880</b>	<b>+8.3%</b>	<b>299,328</b>
Grey Bruce Health Services (Owen Sound) – Aug. '04					
Queensway-Carleton (Ottawa) – Sept. '04					
Halton Healthcare (Oakville) – Sept. '04					
Montfort Hospital (Ottawa) – Oct. '04					
York Central (Richmond Hill) – Jan. '05					
Markham Stouffville (Markham) – Jan. '05					
Niagara Health System (Niagara Falls) *					
Windsor Regional Hospital (Windsor) *					
London Health Sciences Centre (London) *					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from increasing hours of Independent Health Facilities MRI machines repatriated into not-for-profit sector</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>	<b>311,328</b>
KMH Centre (Kitchener)					
KMH Centre (Richmond Hill)					
Kingston MRI (Kingston)					
<b>Wait Times Announcement – February 3, 2005 – Results to be realized in 2004-05</b>					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams at the 29 hospital corporations</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>+6.9%</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Southlake Regional Health Centre (Newmarket)					
Peterborough Regional Health Centre (Peterborough)					
Lakeridge Health Corporation (Oshawa)					
The Royal Victoria Hospital (Barrie)					
Hamilton St. Joseph's Health Centre (Hamilton)					
Niagara Health System (St. Catharines)					
Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation (Hamilton)					
The Credit Valley Hospital (Mississauga)					
Trillium Health Centre (Mississauga)					

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<b>Wait Times Announcement – February 3, 2005 – Results to be realized in 2004-05 (continued)</b>					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams at the 29 hospital corporations (continued)</b>					
Halton Health Care Services (Oakville)					
Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital (Burlington)					
William Osler Health Centre (Brampton)					
Grand River Regional (Kitchener)					
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa)					
The Ottawa Hospital (Ottawa)					
Kingston General Hospital (Kingston)					
Timmins and District Hospital (Timmins)					
Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (Sudbury)					
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Thunder Bay)					
Hotel Dieu Grace (Windsor)					
St. Joseph's Health Care (London)					
London Health Sciences Centre (London)					
North York General (Toronto)					
St. Joseph's Health Centre (Toronto)					
St. Michael's Hospital (Toronto)					
University Health Network (Toronto)					
The Scarborough Hospital (Toronto)					
Sunnybrook Women's College Health Sciences Centre (Toronto)					
Mt. Sinai Hospital (Toronto)					
<b>Total Additional MRI exams in 2004-05</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>+14.5%</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Wait Times Announcement – February 3, 2005 – Results to be realized in 2005-06</b>					
<b>Replacing Older MRI Machines with New and More Efficient Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from replacing 7 MRI machines with ones that are 10% more efficient</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>18,581</b>	<b>+6.7%</b>	<b>329,909</b>
Royal Victoria Hospital (Barrie) – Mar. '05					
Southlake Regional Health Centre (Newmarket) – Mar. '05					
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa) – Mar. '05					
Thunder Bay Regional Hospital (Thunder Bay) – Mar. '05					
William Osler Health Centre (Brampton) – Mar. '05					
Trillium Health Centre (Mississauga) – Mar. '05					
Kingston General Hospital (Kingston) – Mar. '05					
<b>Total Enhanced MRI Exam Capacity from Provincial Funding in 2004/05</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>53,461</b>	<b>+19.3%</b>	<b>329,909</b>

\* Three new MRIs to come online by 2006/07.