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#### **NHH completes installation of new Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine**

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**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, March 12, 2026**—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) and the NHH Foundation are pleased to announce that the installation of the new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine and supporting equipment is complete. The MRI is now fully operational and patients are being accepted.

A key feature of NHH's Diagnostic Imaging department for almost two decades, MRI is a unique, non-invasive examination that produces detailed images of the body's organs and tissues using a magnetic field, radio waves and a computer that takes detailed photos of a patient's body. 6,719 MRI scans were performed at NHH in the last fiscal year, representing an increase of 4.9% from the prior year. NHH's new MRI, with its enhanced technology, provides clearer, more detailed images – essential for accurate diagnosis and treatment.

Key features of the new MRI service include:

- Capacity for faster scans to be conducted faster, meaning a reduction in wait times for patients and increased patient comfort with shorter scan times.
- Improved image quality and resolution to provide better visualization, supporting faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatment plans.
- Increased comfort for patients requiring MRI scans due to a larger diameter of the opening, resulting in less concerns for anyone experiencing claustrophobia.
- Dedicated changing rooms and lockers

Renovation of NHH's MRI suite began on August 6, 2025, with the installation of a temporary MRI trailer, and the decommissioning of the hospital's original MRI machine, which was installed in 2007. A key component of the hospital's long-term capital equipment strategy, and the NHH Foundation's *Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care* campaign, the much-anticipated new MRI machine arrived at NHH on December 6, 2025, and work began immediately to install and test the new equipment.

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“The new MRI represents a transformative advancement of our Diagnostic Imaging services. It is a beautiful example of this team’s commitment to growth and continuous investment in new technology. I would like to thank NHH’s Diagnostic Imaging team for their work in minimizing the disruption to patient care during the renovation work. I also want to thank our community, whose generosity and enthusiasm—inspired by our outstanding NHH Foundation—supported this capital renewal project and ensured that NHH continues to be well-positioned to deliver exceptional care to our patients well into the future. Finally, I want to recognize our Procurement, Project Management, IT, Infection Prevention and Control, Facilities and Environmental Services teams, whose coordination and expertise ensured the successful and timely completion of this project,” says NHH President and CEO, Susan Walsh.

“To see the MRI now in service is a powerful reminder of what’s possible when a community comes together,” said Rhonda Cunningham, NHH Foundation CEO. “An early lead gift from Don and Jane Hunter helped us tremendously to bring what was once a vision to this new reality. Thank you to the Hunters and to all those who joined in the effort to bring this advanced technology to our community.”

Referring providers are encouraged to use the direct e-referral process for MRI referrals. Referral forms will also be found on the NHH website at [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca) in the ‘Patient Services’ tab under ‘Diagnostic Imaging’.

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**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 67,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 850 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of

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**About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation** – The mission of the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation is to inspire generous giving to support exceptional patient care at NHH. With a dedicated team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff, the NHH Foundation is passionately committed to improving health care and the quality of life for people living in west Northumberland. Since 2002, the NHH Foundation has raised over \$88.5 million to build and equip NHH. This support comes from generous community support through a variety of programs including major gifts, planned giving, signature and third-party events, direct mail and commemorative giving. For more information, visit: [www.nhhfoundation.ca](http://www.nhhfoundation.ca) or follow us on Facebook [@NHHFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/NHHFoundation) or Instagram [@NHHFoundation](https://www.instagram.com/NHHFoundation)