



News Release

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CAMPBELL RIVER HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FUNDS SECURE OBSERVATION ROOM

The safety and security of medical staff and patients is a key component of delivering quality health care in our community. Many of us don't realize the frequency with which medical staff and patient interventions are required where violence occurs in the workplace environment.

A sobering reminder of this was the loss of Phyllis Hards in her role as a volunteer at our local hospital. The stress that is related to dealing with individuals suffering with drug, alcohol or mental disorders can be overwhelming. The goal of a Secure Observation Room is to provide a quiet and secure space for patients needing specialized care as well as reducing safety concerns for medical staff.

On average, four to five times each week an incident arises where a Secure Observation Room in the Emergency area of our hospital would help to ensure the safety of both staff and patients. A Secure Observation Room enables hospital staff to observe and monitor the treatment of the patient, while ensuring their own personal safety and the safety of those in the area.

"Keeping people safe is the most important security consideration. Good security protects the welfare and safety of our dedicated medical staff, patients, residents, volunteers and visitors," states Stacey Marsh, Executive Director, Campbell River Hospital Foundation. "Of note is that Campbell River is one of the few hospitals without such a room. The Foundation is pleased to be able to make a substantial financial contribution to this initiative which is in keeping with our mandate."

If you are interest in assisting the Campbell River Hospital Foundation in their commitment to support this project please contact our office at (250) 830-6958.

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