

DRIVING SURGERY FORWARD

CAMPAIGN REPORT – MAY 2024



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*Dr. Guy Breault, surgeon at the Dumont UHC
(left) and Victor Hachey, 1st patient (right).*

A Word from the Board Chair

What an exciting time for the CHU Dumont Foundation! In 2022, when we launched our capital campaign, *Driving Surgery Forward*, we knew that our \$6.5 M goal was ambitious. However, our Board of Directors felt it was important to equip the Dr.-Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre (Dumont UHC) with a surgical robot and to digitize nine operating rooms. And since we felt we could count on the generosity of the community to help us achieve our goal, we agreed to meet the challenge.

At the time, Nova Scotia was the only province east of Quebec to have a surgical robot, and the Saint John Regional Hospital was in the process of acquiring one. Our goal at the Foundation was to bring this technology to the Dumont UHC, for the benefit of our patients, as well as to enhance the working conditions of healthcare professionals and facilitate recruitment of new surgeons. We also saw this large-scale project as an opportunity to expand collaboration between healthcare professionals, especially with The Moncton Hospital.

Dumont UHC's reputation is well established thanks to its healthcare workers, physicians, and researchers. This is why the Foundation supports projects such as robotic surgery and is committed to continuing to improve healthcare and services to ensure a better experience for patients, their loved ones, and medical teams.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, medical staff, employees, patients and their loved ones, I extend a warm thank you to all our donors and volunteers. With your help, since February 1st, 2023, more than 350 patients have benefited from this technology at the Dumont UHC.



This is a great example of what philanthropy represents in our province, and what we can accomplish together.

Sébastien Dupuis
Chair, Board of Directors

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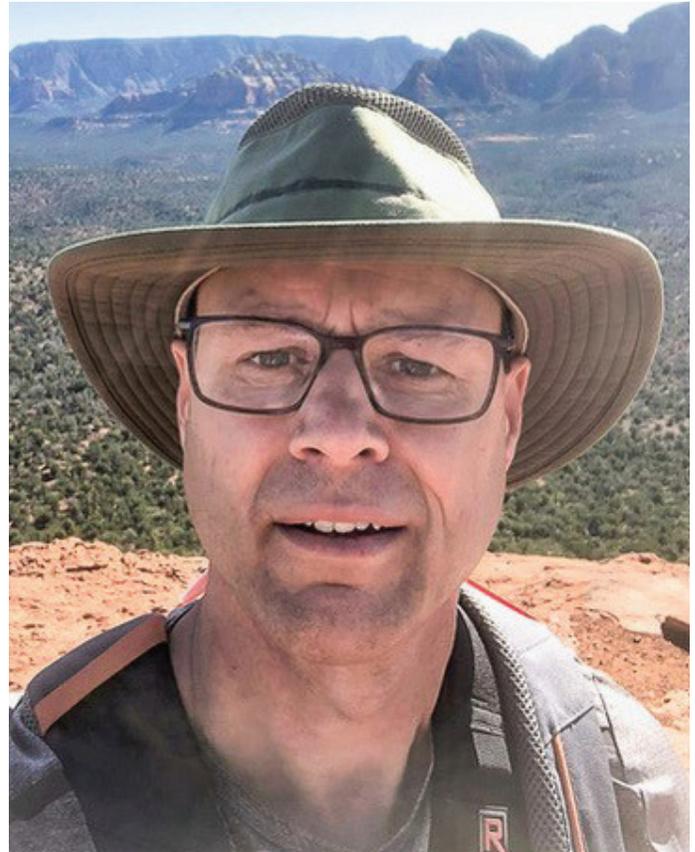
Victor Hachey: “... there were a lot of people in the operating room!”

Victor Hachey is the first patient to have undergone an operation involving the surgical robot on February 1st, 2023. This is his inspiring story.

“In 2021, we found out that I had prostate cancer. As it wasn’t an aggressive cancer, I didn’t undergo treatment and had to wait for the disease to progress to a more advanced stage before undergoing surgery. When that time came, in early 2023, my surgeon, Dr. Guy Breault, suggested I wait because, in his words, “The robot is on its way.” In fact, I was to be the first patient to be operated on using the new surgical robot.

At first, my wife Berthe didn’t want me to be the first to experience this new technology. To appease her apprehensions, Dr. Breault reminded us that, as the first patient, I would have the advantage of having several members of the medical team in the room who were looking forward to seeing the first surgery. Furthermore, even a representative from the da Vinci robot supplier would be there to make sure everything went smoothly. As for me, all I remember is that there were a lot of people in the operating room!

I have to say that Dr. Breault had convinced us of the benefits, which included less bleeding, less pain, and faster recovery. And that’s exactly what I experienced. Everything went very well. In the end, within 24 hours, I was back home, where I recovered gradually.



Fortunately for me, I’ve been very active for several years now in terms of my physical fitness. I work out regularly at the gym and I think that’s helped me recover quickly too. In fact, I was able to resume training just two weeks after my surgery.

Today, I have no pain and I’m in great shape. I am extremely grateful to Dr. Breault and the entire operating room team for their extraordinary care. I would also like to thank the CHU Dumont Foundation and its generous donors for making this technology possible at the Dumont UHC.”

“Two months after my surgery, I went hiking in Arizona at an altitude of 6,000 ft. with my wife and some friends. They had trouble keeping up with me!”

Remarkable results

The surgical robot and the digitization of nine operating rooms will have a considerable impact, not only for the well-being of patients, but also for the technological progress of the Dumont UHC and the Vitalité Health Network.

The CHU Dumont Foundation recognizes, of course, its generous donors, but also the medical staff who rolled up their sleeves, becoming trained in handling the robot and learning the new technology associated

"We're rated as one of the top two centres in Canada for program start-ups. I'm very proud of our surgeons and the entire team, including the operating room nursing staff, who put a lot of effort into learning the basics of the installation and how the robot works."

Dr. Jocelyne Hébert, surgeon at the Dumont UHC, and Medical Director for Vitalité



with digitized operating rooms. They have shown exemplary determination, with a vision to improve the experience of patients and their loved ones, at a distressing moment in their lives.

of personnel trained
13 registered nurses
6 licensed practical nurses

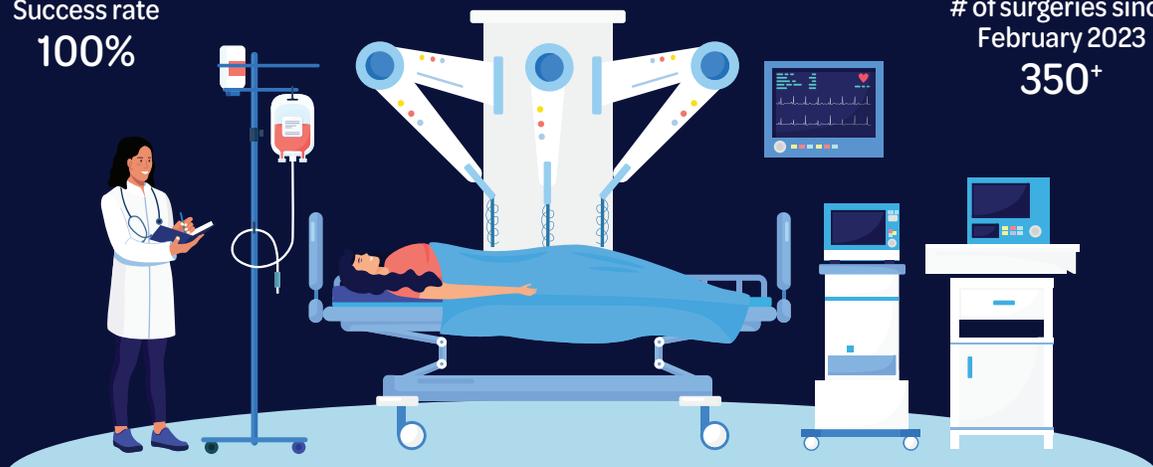
of surgeons trained
3 gynecologic oncologists
3 urologists

First surgery
February 1, 2023

Types of surgeries
Prostate, kidney, bladder, uterus

Success rate
100%

of surgeries since
February 2023
350+



Here are the surgeons who currently use the robot. Other specialties will be added in the coming months.



Dr. Robyn Comeau
gynecologic oncologist
Dumont UHC

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STRENGTHEN SURGICAL TEAMS

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Dr. Troy Sitland
urologist
The Moncton Hospital



Dr. Samantha Dubé
gynecologic oncologist
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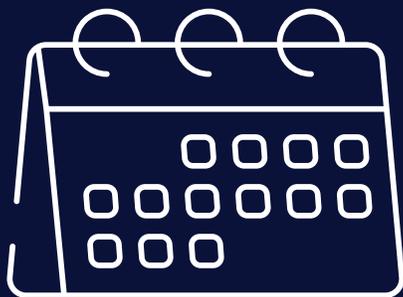
Dr. Marc Savoie
urologist
Dumont UHC



Dr. Lauren Adolph
gynecologic oncologist
Dumont UHC



Dr. Guy Breault
urologist
Dumont UHC



First capital campaign in over 20 years for the CHU Dumont Foundation

Campaign duration of less than 24 months



Over \$7 M raised, exceeding the \$6.5 M goal