

# The Spirit



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## SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT IN THE HANDS OF PHYSICIANS

*Improving patient care at  
St. Paul's Hospital*

## THE EXCITEMENT OF THE SPH FOUNDATION DRAWS

*Granting wishes brings smiles to  
physicians and employees*

## THE BERSCHEIDS

*Mission in Action at St. Paul's Hospital*

Dr. Rick Jaggi  
Head and Neck Surgeon,  
Facial Plastic Surgeon,  
Otolaryngologist

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## MEETING PATIENT NEEDS WITH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT



*Dr. Rick Jaggi using St. Paul's Hospital's new Ear, Nose and Throat CO<sub>2</sub> Laser purchased with proceeds from the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mistletoe Ball*

Foundations play an important role in delivering quality health care. Essential patient care items and operational costs can quickly eat up health care budgets, leaving precious little for large projects, including the acquisition of new technologies and other innovations.

That's why, when our Foundation met with health care professionals to discuss our Hospital's needs, the conversation naturally turned to strong impact projects with capacity to bring about significant positive change at St. Paul's.

If you are familiar with the history of St. Paul's Hospital, you know that the pioneering spirit has always been part of the fabric of our environment. Ask a surgeon what he or she likes about our Hospital, and you often will hear a response that speaks of an attitude that embraces teamwork, innovation, and doing everything it takes to ensure the

patient is well cared for. So, despite a challenging focus to raise funds for a new SPECT-CT at St. Paul's, our Foundation also resolved to raise additional funds for other leading-edge, specialized equipment.

Through the strong and unwavering generosity of our donors, we are pleased to report the additional goals have been met and over \$800,000 has been raised in support of the five new pieces of specialized equipment, described on the following two pages. We are grateful to the physicians who met with donors and staff, participated in the "Help Us Help You" marketing efforts and attended events to explain the impact this advanced equipment will have on patient care. Most importantly, we are very grateful to the generosity of the donors who contributed toward the purchase of this equipment, most of which is already in use at St. Paul's Hospital.

### DR. RICK JAGGI

Dr. Rick Jaggi, Head and Neck Surgeon, Facial Plastic Surgeon and Otolaryngologist, is one of the many surgeons at St. Paul's whose work has been positively impacted by the generosity of our donors. Dr. Jaggi shows an obvious and endearing passion both for his work and for the future of health care in our Region.

One of the organizers of the province's first "Manuary" event (a beard growing fund raising contest that raised \$26,200 in support of head and neck cancer research), Dr. Jaggi believes fund raising to be an excellent tool to raise awareness. "The prevalence of head and neck cancer is on the rise due to HPV (Human Papilloma Virus). Better awareness helps to ensure early diagnosis and treatment options, and sheds light on the vaccinations that are available to counteract HPV," he says.

Born and raised in Halifax, Dr. Jaggi earned his medical degree at Dalhousie University and completed his Fellowship in Head and Neck Oncology, Endocrine Surgery, Facial Plastics and Microvascular Reconstruction in Auckland, New Zealand. Recruited to the Saskatoon Health Region in 2012 by the Department of Surgery, Dr. Jaggi comments that he enjoys working in a field that is always "pushing the envelope" with new minimally invasive techniques.

When asked what he likes best about working at St. Paul's Hospital, he replied: "I enjoy the 'Let's get it done' attitude of the staff and people here are not afraid to take on new challenges. We recently started doing a procedure that had never been done in this Hospital before, and not a single person said 'No' to me – everyone embraced the idea."

Dr. Jaggi and his wife Sharmi live in Saskatoon with their two young children, Luka and Mila, and a dog named Bishop.