



St. Paul's Hospital

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PYLYPCHUK HALL ADVANCES TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL

Saskatoon (March 12, 2014) St. Paul's Hospital is ushering in a new era in health education with the Grand Opening of Pylypchuk Hall on March 12, 2014. The newly upgraded facility will generate increased opportunities for continued learning at the acute-care teaching hospital, an initiative spearheaded by Dr. George Pylypchuk and family.

"The Pylypchuks have a long history of commitment to health care excellence and education at St. Paul's Hospital," said Bruce Acton, CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. "We were so pleased when they came to us not only with financial support, but also with the idea to generate more educational opportunities through a complete overhaul of the auditorium."

The upgraded facility offers significant improvements to the room, including new ventilation, improved lighting and seating, and advanced technology. A new meeting room for educators has also been integrated into the hall. "People want to come together and be connected with each other," said donor George Pylypchuk. "An auditorium like this now means we can be connected in a large group, with a place to meet and learn. This will have a significant positive educational impact not only in our Hospital, but also in our region."

The state-of-the-art facility uses two-way video-conferencing via Telehealth Saskatchewan to share medical expertise, extend education and provide support regardless of distance. The Telehealth audiovisual equipment was generously funded by Areva Resources Canada and Areva Foundation in their continued support of Renal Telehealth and Chronic Renal Insufficiency Outreach Programs at St. Paul's Hospital.

A new mural in the lobby of Pylypchuk Hall tells the story of St. Paul's legacy of teaching excellence that dates back to when the Grey Nuns opened the Hospital in 1907. The Hospital began training interns and residents in clinical practice as early as 1926, and the St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing was in operation for over sixty years until it closed in 1969. St. Paul's Hospital continues to offer acute-care clinical training for residents, as well as internships in a wide variety of fields from Respiratory Medicine to Food and Nutrition. The Hospital also offers the only Spiritual Care educational program in the province.

"An integral aspect of quality health care is a commitment to ongoing education," said Dr. Pylypchuk. "I'm very happy that St. Paul's Hospital now has a brightly-lit, comfortable place where people can come together to learn and share."

-30-

For more information, contact:

Sandhya Padmanabh
Manager of Communications and Stewardship
St. Paul's Hospital / St. Paul's Hospital Foundation
Tel: (306) 655 5902 Fax: (306) 655-5825
sandhya.padmanabh@saskatoonhealthregion.ca