

Southlake acquires game-changing technology to care for our communities.

The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake has served our communities with distinction for over a decade and is consistently ranked as one of the top cancer programs in Ontario. However, with our communities expanding and our population aging at accelerated rates, **the demands on Southlake for cancer care are increasing like never before**. We must also **keep up with technological advances**—in the fight against cancer, we cannot face tomorrow's challenges with yesterday's methods.

The Southlake Foundation launched our **\$20M Campaign, *HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match***, to create the cancer care our communities deserve. With the investment of our generous supporters, we will **increase our capacity** and **upgrade to the latest technology**—right **HERE** so that those living with cancer can receive care close to home.

One of the Campaign's main funding priorities is bringing the first-ever PET-CT scanner to York Region and Simcoe. Thanks to the early investment of our philanthropic leaders, **Southlake's new PET-CT scanner has arrived, and construction is underway to prepare for installation**. Based on current estimates, we expect the PET-CT to be operational by the end of summer 2023.

Dr. Sara Temple, Chief of Surgery and Surgical Oncologist, described the **PET-CT scanner as a “game changer” for Southlake and our communities**. A PET-CT scanner represents the latest in cancer diagnostics and is increasingly becoming the standard of care for more cancers. PET-CT scans give in-depth insights, mapping out a detailed image of a patient's cancer, including location, form and function, stage, and other unique variables that other diagnostic tools cannot capture. Southlake donors are empowering our oncologists to develop personalized, life-saving treatment plans for their patients with maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

Soon Southlake patients will no longer need to travel significant distances to other hospitals and private clinics to access this critical precision. They will not need to take on the added stress and expense of a journey outside our community and away from important support systems—when they are already exhausted, anxious, and ill. They will not need to face wait times of over two weeks—when time is of the essence, and they truly cannot afford to wait. **Introducing a PET-CT scanner will allow our clinical teams to conduct 1,686 scans in the first year alone** as an integrated part of patient care, not only to diagnose and stage but also to monitor outcomes and adjust treatment accordingly. Beyond cancer care, this will also be crucial equipment for our Regional Cardiac Care Program, taking full advantage of a tool that studies both form and function to support diagnosing and monitoring cardiac conditions.

At Southlake, we take great pride in delivering a patient experience that matches the excellence of the world's leading institutions. Our supporters are ensuring Southlake can remain at the forefront of technology, unlocking the full talent and potential of our physicians, nurses, and clinical staff by giving them the tools worthy of their skills.

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Demolition underway to prepare for PET-CT installation



Southlake's new PET-CT delivered