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Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Launches Ultrasound Service

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(Kahnawake – 31, Ohiarihkó:wa /July 2025) Tehsakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) wishes to announce the launch of ultrasound services to its Medical Imaging unit. The new equipment was purchased at a cost of \$139,000 through fundraising from the Kateri Memorial Foundation ("KMF").

Following KMF's annual golf tournament last year, KMHC received the necessary funds to develop an ultrasound service within the hospital centre. Since that time, KMHC purchased the equipment and recruited qualified staff. With the hiring of Gabrielle Koerber, our new Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, KMHC is pleased to announce that ultrasound services will begin on Friday, 1 Seskéha /August.

"Once the ultrasound services open, the number one priority will be to clear the backlog of ultrasound exams needed by Kahnawa'kehró:non," said Director of Professional Services Dr. Rachael Eniojukan. "Once that is complete, appointments will be offered to external clients. An outreach program is underway to advise Akwesasne, Kanehsatà:ke, and various Indigenous clinics and organizations in the Montreal area of this new service."

It is important to advise the community that, because KMHC does not have a radiologist on-site, the ultrasound service requires a specialized technologist who can work without one. To keep this qualification, the technologist needs to perform a certain number of ultrasounds within a certain time period. If the technologist doesn't reach those numbers, he/she lose that qualification – in which case, KMHC would lose the ability to offer ultrasound altogether. It is for this reason that **KMHC will offer services to both community members and non-community members**, while ensuring that Kahnawake community members remain a priority.

"We are very fortunate to have such services close at hand for the community," said Executive Director, Valerie Diabo. "We will undoubtedly have to open up our services to other clientele, but Kahnawa'kehró:non will always have priority."

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