

Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences Centre

20
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

Exceptional
care
for every patient,
every time.



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20 Years of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

On February 22, 2004, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) opened, combining the services of McKellar and Port Arthur General hospitals and Cancer Care services. McKellar and Port Arthur General hospitals had merged in 1995 to become the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, providing acute care for Northwestern Ontario.

Although the province originally planned to refurbish one of the sites, the community decided to build a new, modern facility. The opening of a state-of-the-art health care

facility promised a bold new era for health care in Northwestern Ontario.

Since opening, TBRHSC has expanded in size, as well as programs and services. The successes of the past 20 years and those that are certain to come, could not have been achieved alone. For the role that our staff, donors to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, community members and partners in health had in building excellent health care in Northwestern Ontario, we thank you.





↑ On February 22, 2004, TBRHSC welcomed its first patients.

2004



↑ TBRHSC was formally recognized as a Teaching Hospital by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

2005

→ Tbaytel Tamarack House opened, a "home away from home" for regional cancer patients.



← The Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre opened to serve victims and survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence.



↓ A second Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) was installed, more than doubling TBRHSC's capacity and reducing patient waiting time.



↑ The Maternity Centre opened to offer services from a team of care providers to help mother and baby stay healthy.



← The expanded use of telemedicine extended the reach of health care service throughout Northwestern Ontario.

2006



← The Linda Buchan Breast Assessment Centre opened to provide breast screening and assessment services.



↑ The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit opened to serve young people with serious and complex mental health disorders.

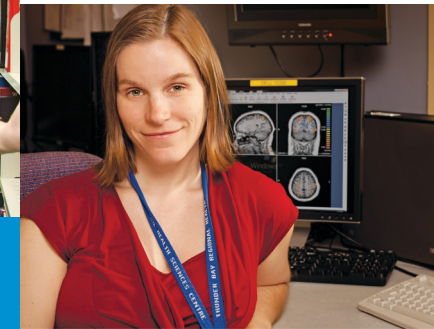
↓ The Northern Cancer Research Foundation and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation merged.



↑ Medical Learners, 4th year medical students and clinical clerks began training at TBRHSC.



2008



→ TBRHSC's Home Hemodialysis Program was launched.

← TBRRI announces research focus on Imaging Guided Interventions; Advanced Detection Devices; and Biomarker Exploration.

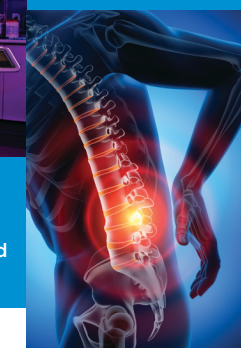


2007



↑ The Angioplasty Program was introduced and the first patients received stents at TBRHSC.

↓ TBRHSC's first artificial disc implant surgery was performed.



↑ TBRHSC's Palliative Care e-health was the first in Ontario, allowing oncologists to respond to cancer symptom and pain management and other psychosocial issues.

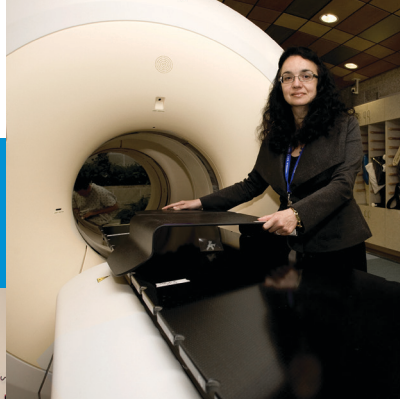
↓ TBRRI, TBRHSC's research arm, was incorporated.





↑ The Patient and Family Centred Care model was formally adopted.

↓ The Regional Joint Assessment Centre opened to reduce wait times for patients seeing an orthopedic surgeon.



↑ A state-of-the-art PET-CT scanner was installed, enabling advanced clinical imaging and research.

↓ Perioperative Services began the Operating Room Telementoring Project, providing remote teaching and telementoring.



↑ The Centre for Complex Diabetes Care opened to provide specialized diabetes management and treatment.



↓ TBRHSC was recognized for Leading Practice in Patient and Family Centred Care.



↑ The new Angioplasty Short-Stay Care Area opened.



↓ Hundreds of community members helped create the TBRHSC Strategic Plan, launched in 2011.

2009

2011



↑ Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Deb Matthews helped open the Regional Bariatric Care Centre for the care of obese and morbidly obese patients.



↓ TBRHSC and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre opened an MRI-Guided, Focused Ultrasound Surgery Centre.



↓ Paediatric Operating Room tours began for young patients.



↑ TBRHSC welcomed new President and CEO, Andrée Robichaud.

2010



↓ TBRHSC's Aboriginal Advisory Committee grew to 25 members.



↑ A new Interventional Radiology Program began.

2012

→ TBRHSC was named one of the Top 40 Research Hospitals in Canada.



← The total number of volunteers and Patient and Family Advisors reached 600.





↑ TBRHSC strengthened its commitment to providing smoke-free grounds.



↓ The first ever Internal French Language Working Group was formed to improve services for francophone patients and their families.



← TBRHSC's Regional Cancer Care Northwest implemented the MOSAIQ oncology information system to ensure coordination of patient information.

→ The new state-of-the-art Screen for Life Coach offers breast, colorectal and cervical cancer screening throughout the region.



2013



→ The cyclotron and radiopharmacy is officially unveiled.



← The \$3.5 million, 28-tonne cyclotron arrives in Thunder Bay.

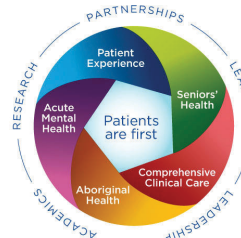


↓ TBRHSC and the Northwestern Ontario Regional Stroke Network announced the launch of a new Regional Stroke Unit.



← TBRHSC celebrated its new Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant, designed to reduce the Hospital's average annual electricity bills by a half million dollars.

↓ TBRHSC unveils Strategic Plan 2020.



2015



← TBRHSC placed sixth place on a list of the world's 30 most architecturally impressive hospitals.

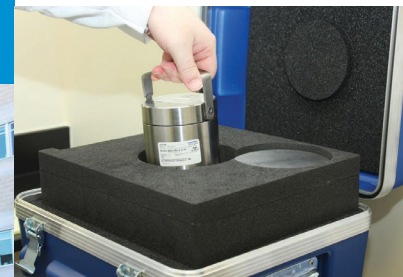


↑ TBRHSC launched the Hospital Elder Life Program to improve care for elderly patients.

↓ TBRHSC celebrated the launch of its Bariatric Surgery Program.



↓ TBRHSC unveiled the fully operational CHP plant.



↑ The first locally produced isotopes arrived at TBRHSC, used for calibration of the PET-CT scanner.

↓ TBRHSC hosted the prestigious Heart & Stroke Barnett Memorial Lectureship.



2016

→ TBRHSC ranked as a top research hospital for seventh consecutive year.

CANADA'S TOP
40
RESEARCH
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Infosource Inc.

← TBRHSC announces the implementation of vascular surgery and on-site endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) for patients and families in Northwestern Ontario.

↓ Hospital recognized for achievement in organ and tissue donation.

↑ TBRHSC announced advancements in cardiovascular care with on-site endovascular aneurysm repair.

2017



↑ Hospital earned high marks in Accreditation report.

↓ TBRHSC raised Fort William First Nation's flag to recognize the traditional lands that the Hospital is on.



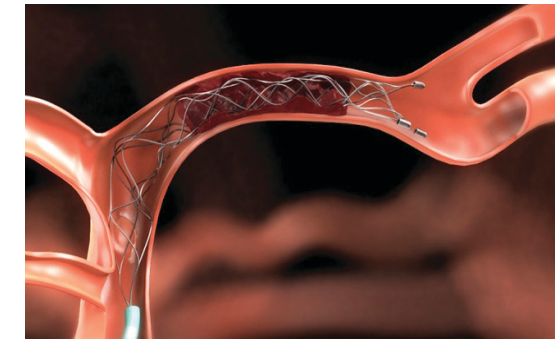
2018



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← TBRHSC ranked among the top research hospitals in Canada.

← TBRHSC launched groundbreaking pilot project to improve opioid prescribing.



↑ TBRHSC became one of ten sites in Ontario, and 24 sites across Canada to offer enhanced access to Endovascular Treatment (EVT), a procedure that drastically improves outcomes for stroke patients.

↓ The Our Hearts At Home Cardiovascular Campaign launched.



↑ TBRHSC celebrated improved medical education with the grand opening of the new Ibn Sina Simulation Lab.

2019

2020



↑ TBRHSC was recognized by the Ontario Renal Network (ORN) for being among the most improved Regional Renal programs in Ontario.



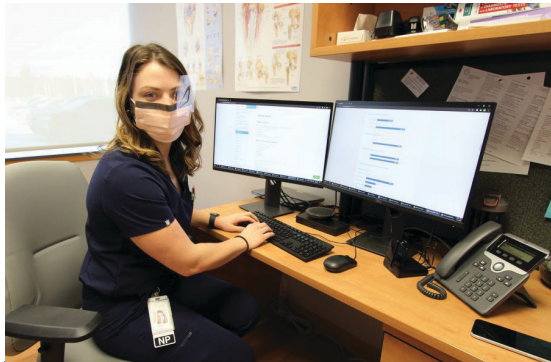
↓ Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott was appointed as the President & Chief Executive Officer of TBRHSC and Chief Executive Officer of TBRHRI.



↑ Northwestern Ontario's first COVID-19 vaccines were administered at TBRHSC.

↓ TBRHSC offers prostate brachytherapy as a local treatment option for prostate cancer patients.





↑ TBRHSC becomes the first Hospital in Northwestern Ontario to offer SeamlessMD, a new digital patient engagement tool for patients undergoing surgery.

↓ TBRHSC announces the expansion of Spinal Surgery Program to benefit patients and families in Northwestern Ontario



↑ TBRHSC adopted a self-identification process to better serve Indigenous patients.



↑ Ornge, Ontario's provider of air ambulance and critical care transport services, and TBRHSC, announced northern Ontario's first 'Blood on Board' program.

← TBRHSC joins St. Joseph's Care Group in offering the Wake the Giant Virtual Indigenous Culture and Inclusivity Training for their employees.



↓ TBRHSC celebrated 14 successful years of Patient and Family Centred Care (PFCC) with the return of the annual Sharing and Caring Together Exhibition.

Patient & Family Centred Care

Sharing & Caring Together

2021

2023



← For the first time in the Hospital's history, TBRHSC is among a group of select hospitals in Canada to receive the highest possible designation from Accreditation Canada, 'Accredited with Exemplary Standing'.

2022

↓ TBRHSC launched a public campaign aimed at bringing awareness to the issue of workplace violence.

STRATEGIC PLAN

2026

↑ TBRHSC and TBRHRI launched Strategic Plan 2026 – a plan that will guide both organizations along a path of growth and continued success for the next four years.



← A 20-foot tall tipi was raised on the grounds of TBRHSC to symbolizes the Hospital's commitment to supporting and enhancing Indigenous Peoples' healing journey while in our care.

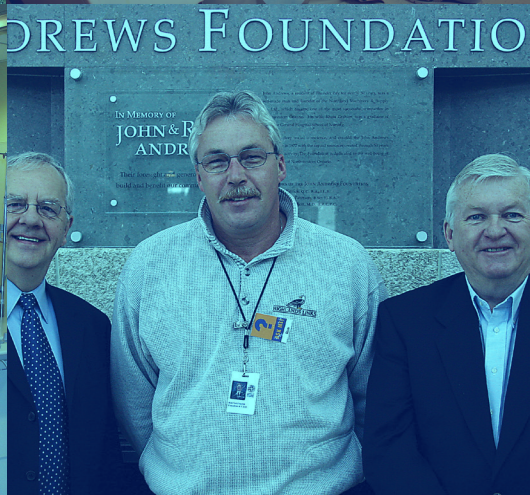


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On February 22, 2024, TBRHSC celebrated 20 years of caring for patients and families in Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.

2024







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