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## **Brant Community Healthcare System refurbishing MRI**

**Brantford, ON (July 10, 2017)** – The Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine at the Brantford General Hospital will be shut down for a month later this summer to allow for a refurbishment.

“While the magnet of the MRI has a 22 year lifespan, other aspects of the technology require refurbishment,” says Jim Hornell, President and CEO of the Brant Community Healthcare System which operates this equipment. “Thanks to the generosity of our community, the current MRI was installed in 2007 – 10 years ago. This \$800,000 refurbishment is once again being funded with donor dollars through the BCHS Foundation,” added Hornell.

In anticipation of the planned shutdown, additional hours have been scheduled to accommodate completing as many scans as possible prior to and immediately following the shutdown. Arrangements have been made with partner hospitals to ensure coverage for urgent MRI scans during the downtime.

The MRI scheduling office will remain open during this time to facilitate the scheduling of the urgent exams as well as the routine bookings.

The shutdown will be from Thursday July 27, 2017 – through Sunday August 27, 2017, inclusive. MRI requisitions received during this time will continue to be prioritized by our radiologists.

“We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we undertake this important upgrade,” said Hornell.

The Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) Foundation is continuing to fundraise to support this important endeavour. For more information on how to support the refurbishment of the MRI, contact the BCHS Foundation at 519-751-5510 or email [foundation@bchsys.org](mailto:foundation@bchsys.org).

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**About The Brant Community Healthcare System**

The Brant Community Healthcare System is a Hamilton Niagara Top Employer, an affiliated teaching site of the McMaster University Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine and is committed to patient and staff safety. Brantford General is a regional acute care hospital and the Willett, Paris provides urgent and ambulatory care.