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## ***\$50,000 gift targets wait-time project in Breast Assessment Program at Hotel Dieu Hospital***

*(Kingston, ON) A \$50,000 gift from sanofi-aventis Canada Inc. to Hotel Dieu Hospital has moved women in this region a crucial step closer to faster diagnosis of breast abnormalities.*

Jane Warner, clinical nurse specialist and coordinator of program development for the Breast Assessment Program (BAP) at Hotel Dieu, accepted the cheque yesterday on behalf of project team dedicated to developing a computerized system that tracks and monitors a patient's journey from screening and detection of a breast abnormality to treatment and follow-up of a breast cancer.

*Warner was joined in accepting the cheque by Denise Cumming, Executive Director of the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, the fundraising arm of Hotel Dieu, Kingston General Hospital and Providence Continuing Care Centre.*

Called CIMS (Client Information Management System), the computer program has already fully automated and streamlined BAP clerical processes (e.g., requisitions for diagnostic services, reports, notification letters).

The gift of \$50,000 will enhance CIMS even further, says Warner.

"We will be extending CIMS to the diagnostic imaging aspect of breast assessment," she explains. "We'll be moving to online ordering of imaging modalities such as mammograms and ultrasounds, automatic order queues for booking appointments, and automatic generation of appointment notices."

In addition, she says, the system will have built-in error reduction strategies to ensure accuracy and will flag when an individual is waiting too long for an appointment. The surgical breast clinics will also be fully computerized.

"We expect that CIMS will result in a smoother workflow, allowing clinicians to spend more time with patients instead of doing paperwork," says Warner.

Warner says that sanofi-aventis was a natural fit as a financial donor for the project. For the last four years, the BAP has relied on the company to provide every woman with a diagnosis of breast cancer with an educational book dealing with all aspects of the breast cancer journey. "Women in our community have long recognized sanofi-aventis as a great support to them during a difficult time."

"Sanofi-aventis wants to ensure that women with breast cancer receive the most effective treatment in the shortest possible time," said company representatives Raymond Fernie and Robert Stephenson at yesterday's presentation.

Warner applauds the collaboration among clinicians and information systems staff at Hotel Dieu and the corporate sector.

"From the outset, the project team included Judith Desveaux, HDH director of information services, who recognized the need for this system, and provided expert guidance and clarity as the computer program developed. Mike Rimmer of CISSEC, a local computer engineering solutions provider, also involved since the beginning, has provided innovative solutions to our problems.

"This partnership, including the involvement of sanofi-aventis, has helped to push the CIMS project closer to our vision of a single patient record encompassing the continuum of breast cancer care."

*Hotel Dieu Hospital is the ambulatory care teaching hospital for Kingston and Southeastern Ontario, providing expert care to more than 500,000 people in the region. Our specialized services include outpatient pediatrics, ophthalmology, diabetes education, breast assessment, day surgery, urgent care, and acute care psychiatry. Affiliated with Queen's University, we are partners within Kingston's university hospitals, delivering quality health care, leading innovative research and training the health care professionals of tomorrow.*

*University Hospitals Kingston Foundation celebrated its the first anniversary in October. In the last year, some \$4 million from almost 13,000 donors has been raised for patient care, new equipment and research. The Foundation raises money for programs, equipment, education and research that benefit the 500,000 people in Kingston and Southeastern Ontario served by its three teaching hospitals.*

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