

# THIS IS HUMANCARE

THE MOVEMENT TO REINVENT THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOUNDATION MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

**We're reinventing the patient experience with a first-in-Canada portable MRI that fast-tracks treatment.**



It's being called a game-changer. St. Michael's is the first hospital in Canada to acquire a portable Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner, which can take images of the brain right at the patient's bedside. That reduces the number of times a patient has to be transported to a separate medical imaging department, meaning fewer delays and less stress to the body. It's HUMANCARE in action. "It's all about providing the best care – when, where and how our patients need it," says Dr. Julian Spears, St. Michael's Head of Neurosurgery.

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## HUMANCARE IN ACTION



**We're reinventing the patient experience by exporting our AI innovations to hospitals around the world.**

Thanks to our donors, St. Michael's has become one of the first hospitals to tap the enormous potential of AI.

- **THE STORY** – In a landmark collaboration, Unity Health Toronto and Signal 1 join forces to scale St. Michael's groundbreaking AI innovations to hospitals around the world.
- **THE IMPACT** – Soon, patients beyond our walls will have access to St. Michael's life-saving solutions like CHARTwatch, an early warning system that predicts medical emergencies before it's too late.
- **THE BUZZ** – As seen in [The Globe and Mail](#).

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**We're reinventing the patient experience by making brain surgery personal.**

Most doctors love talking with their patients. What sets Dr. Sunit Das apart is that he loves talking with his patients while he's operating on their brains. Dr. Das is a renowned neurosurgeon and scientist at St. Michael's Hospital.

May is Brain Tumour Awareness Month, so we decided to ask Dr. Das about his work. We particularly wanted to know about a procedure called "awake craniotomies," where patients remain up and alert, so surgeons can monitor brain activity and preserve brain function.

**"All of us who go into medicine are driven by the fact that we can offer our patients hope at a time when they feel desperation."**

– Dr. Sunit Das

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**We're reinventing the patient experience with research that customizes MS care.**

As we look ahead to World MS Day on May 30, we have a lot to celebrate. Not only is our BARLO MS Centre open to patients and offering one-stop care, its world-class researchers are harnessing AI to advance knowledge of the disease. We caught up with Medical Director Dr. Jiwon Oh, the Waugh Family Chair in Multiple Sclerosis Research, to learn about big developments that will customize care.

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**We're reinventing the patient experience for people living with dementia.**

Most adults touch 300 surfaces in 30 minutes but people with dementia don't normally get that kind of stimulation. Now they will. Providence Healthcare's Adult Day Program has introduced multisensory programming – like light displays, music, bags of herbs and gentle massage – that engages, comforts and entertains.

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## HUMANCARE CHAMPIONS

**When it comes to brain cancer, time to diagnosis and time to treatment are of the essence.**

St. Michael's Hospital sees the largest number of patients with primary malignant brain tumours in Canada. And over the years, Brain Cancer Canada's generosity has helped us push the boundaries of what's possible in treating this deadly disease.

Now, thanks to their latest gift to support the development of a novel genetic test, our experts will soon be able to diagnose – and treat – brain cancer much more quickly, and with greater precision. That means precious time saved. Thanks to Brain Cancer Canada, our patients have more reason to hope.

## JOIN THE MOVEMENT

**DONATE →**

Our health team stops at nothing to deliver the experience patients deserve. But they can't do it alone.

**BECOME A #HUMANCARE CHAMPION →**

Help us tell the HUMANCARE story across your social platforms.

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Join us and see firsthand how our world-leading experts are reinventing the patient experience.

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Get creative and fundraise your way to help us reinvent Canada's patient experience.

**HAVE YOUR SAY →**

We want to hear from you. What do you want from your health-care experience?

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