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The Leggat Automotive group (LAG) was founded in 1922 and has grown to provide a family of dealerships to service Southern Ontario. LAG is committed to providing exceptional customer service and supporting community initiatives that help strengthen our region. The Leggat Care Foundation is teaming up with community partners to take on some of the toughest challenges that face our society; where we live, work and raise our families.

We have put an emphasis on health care, poverty reduction and education opportunities as the paramount foundation of our efforts. LAG focuses on these categories as a best way to have a positive impact in our community, and remove barriers that may stand in the way of people achieving their true potential. The Leggat Auto Group is very supportive of "random acts of kindness" but we do believe in adopting a long term collaborative strategy that builds a healthy, vibrant community.

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Hamilton is home to the region's leading cancer care centre

Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre also boasts one of the busiest total joint replacement programs in Ontario, and is also a full-service general hospital providing acute inpatient, palliative care and diagnostic services.

Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, as part of Hamilton Health Sciences, serves more than 2.3 million people in south central Ontario and offers one of the largest comprehensive cancer treatment services in the province, and supports community-based oncology clinics at hospitals in Brantford and Burlington. More than 8,000 new patients are referred to the Centre each year. The site provides a full spectrum of cancer care, from prevention, screening and diagnosis to treatment, including chemotherapy and radiation. The building was designed to provide patients and their families with high-quality treatment and compassionate care. It is also home to the Escarpment Cancer Research Institute, which is dedicated to research into the causes, prevention and management of cancer.

Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre Foundation raises funds to support capital redevelopment projects, purchase medical equipment and invest in research and education to enable quality care for patients throughout the region who rely on specialized cancer and orthopedic care. Recently, through the generosity of businesses, community organizations, foundations and individuals, the foundation raised more than \$5.2 million to open the CIBC Breast Assessment Centre in fall 2014. The centre provides prevention services and genetic counselling and brings specialists together in one location to reduce the need for multiple appointments and minimize wait times for test results.

The government does not fund the purchase of equipment, so donor support is needed to fund 100% of the vital tools used to diagnose, treat and care for patients. Donations also support research programs, education and training for staff and funding for renovations or redevelopment.



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Passion + Innovation + Outstanding Clinical Care = Lives Transformed

Tamara Lovegrove and Amr Zaki know this equation first hand



Tamara and Amr each believed their lives were ending, the result of cancer, but then Dr. Graeme Fraser's persistence, research and innovation saved their lives. When both Tamara and Amr relapsed, following aggressive treatments for their cancer, Dr. Fraser continued to research and implement treatment options. Today, both Tamara and Amr are in remission.

Diagnosed with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Tamara received chemotherapy and surgery to remove tumours in her lymph nodes. But the tumours grew back doubling in size. Dr. Fraser continued to research treatment options and found a clinical trial for Tamara. After the trial, a scan showed Tamara's cancer was in remission.

Amr Zaki received a year of successful chemotherapy and radiation for stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma, but then relapsed. Dr. Fraser recognized that Amr needed a bone marrow transplant using stem cells harvested from Amr's own blood. More than four

years later, Amr remains cancer free.

Dr. Fraser works at the Ron and Nancy Clark Hematology Unit, which treats more than 1,000 patients a year with leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma and other blood cancers. These cancers require a continuum of aggressive treatment, including chemotherapy, radiation, immunotherapy and bone marrow transplant. Because all services are in one unit, patients with weakened immune systems do not have to travel between sites for care.

Thankfully, donor contributions enable our hospitals to have the equipment and the environment to provide multidisciplinary and compassionate health care, and to support world leading, innovative research to find the next treatment, cause or cure. Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation calls this *Health Care, Transformed*. For Tamara Lovegrove and Amr Zaki, and those of their families, their lives have been transformed.

"Juravinski is the reason I am still around"

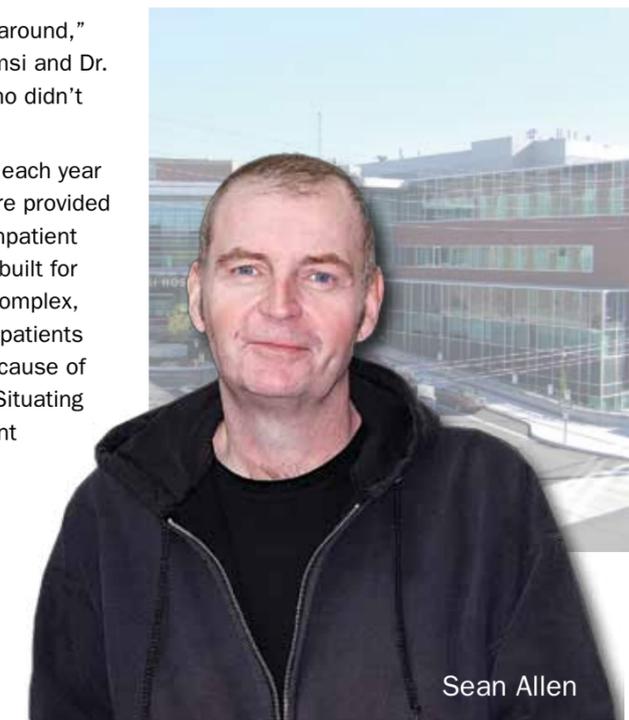
A few years ago, Sean Allen thought he had only months to live. Today, he expects to be at his granddaughter's wedding.

In 2011, Sean experienced what he thought was indigestion. After the pain worsened, tests found a large tumour in his colon. Despite radiation and chemotherapy, doctors told the Whitby resident his cancer was inoperable.

Following this diagnosis, Sean moved to live with his daughter in Stoney Creek and was referred to Dr. Bindi Dhesy and Dr. Humaid Al-Shamsi, oncologists at Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre. Sean visited Juravinski every two weeks for palliative chemotherapy to keep him comfortable. In April 2013, Dr. Dhesy told him there was a surgeon at Juravinski who might be able to help him. A month later, Dr. Marko Simunovic removed the tumour from Sean's colon. His cancer is now in remission.

"Juravinski is the reason I am still around," says Sean. "Dr. Dhesy, Dr. Al-Shamsi and Dr. Simunovic are wonderful people who didn't give up on me."

Sean is just one of 1,500 patients each year who need the highly specialized care provided by Juravinski Hospital's Oncology Inpatient Unit. The 51-bed unit was purpose-built for treating cancer patients requiring complex, medically supervised care. Cancer patients need a specialized environment because of their weakened immune systems. Situating key hospital services near treatment areas produces a synergy between doctors, care professionals, patients and their families. The result is outstanding, effective and compassionate patient care.

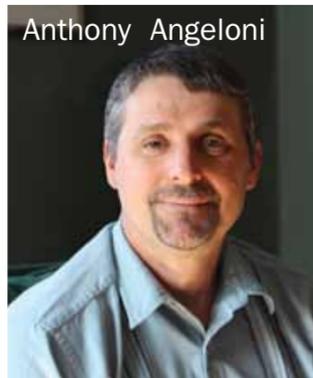


Sean Allen

A life changing operation

Growing up, Anthony Angeloni was always playing football, soccer or hockey. As an adult, he became passionate about golf and spent many days on the course. But his active lifestyle and a physically demanding job took their toll on his hip, forcing him to retire at age 52.

Anthony's job required heavy lifting and later, going up and down hundreds of stairs each day. Eventually, he needed painkillers and anti-inflammatory drugs just to get through the day. At night, he would sometimes wake up in agony.



Anthony Angeloni

The Hamilton resident and steel worker joined a growing number of younger patients having total joint replacement surgery. Anthony underwent surgery at Juravinski Hospital, home to one of Ontario's top arthroplasty programs, performing 1,800 surgeries annually – the second highest volume of total joint replacement procedures.

Enhancing the quality of life for thousands of patients each year, the highly regarded program has nine state-of-the-art operating suites and combines research with a full

continuum of care from initial joint assessment and pre-surgical planning, through post-surgical care. It also supports the hospital's program for cancer-related orthopedic conditions.

"I am completely pain free," Anthony says, adding that he plays golf as often as he likes. "Having a hip replacement literally changed my life."



Research project using genetic links to reduce cancer rates

An innovative research project at Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre stands to have a major impact on cancer in Canada.

Thanks to donor support, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre Foundation's Grant Distribution Program provided funding for the study into Lynch Syndrome (LS), a hereditary disorder associated with an increased risk of colon, uterine and ovarian cancers.

"It is because of this funding that this study is possible. It could not happen without it," said Dr. Lua Eiriksson, one of the study's principal investigators.

Led by Dr. Eiriksson and Dr. Laurie Elit, the study seeks to determine how many women with uterine or ovarian cancer have LS, the accuracy of LS screening and the cost vs. benefits of screening tumours in patients with LS.

Researchers will screen the tumours of women with uterine or ovarian cancer to see if they have the mutation specific to LS and then offer genetic counseling and testing. This provides an opportunity for screening and preventive surgery.

Dr. Eiriksson says about five per cent of women with uterine cancer have LS. Many may later develop colon cancer. "If Lynch Syndrome is identified, we have the opportunity to provide more frequent and earlier screening for colon cancer in these women," she says.

Because LS is a result of genetic mutations, often several family members are affected. If women with LS are identified, genetic screening can detect family members at risk, which provides an opportunity for preventive surgery.

"It costs money to test these tumour samples. But if you are able to find the genetic mutation, you might be able to prevent a number of cancers in the future," Dr. Eiriksson said. "The study will give us local data. But it will also have a direct impact on patients. With the genetic screening and preventive surgery, we will hopefully be able to reduce cancers."

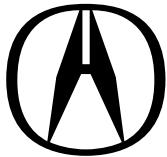
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