

Dear Friend,

I work at the Ross. When I say that, I mean I treat patients throughout the *whole hospital*.

I'm a Hospitalist.

Hospitalists are physicians who care for you while you are hospitalized. While there is a small percentage of people who may still see their family physician during a hospital stay, or who require specialist care in the Intensive Care Unit – it's most likely that you will be cared for by a Hospitalist during your care.

I work with a team of doctors who care for most of the inpatients at the Ross Memorial Hospital – people with pneumonia or cancer, those who've had a stroke or are struggling with dementia, or any illness that requires a hospital stay. **We're here to help.**

It's a big job, and a rewarding one. Every day, our work takes us from the Emergency Department to the inpatient units where we collaborate with specialists, our allied health partners, and with you – our patients and family members – to provide the best care and improve our patients' quality of life.

Hospitalists literally work everywhere and get to know everyone in the hospital.

Being available around the clock, we get to know our patients really well, too.

My colleague, Dr. Sara-Lynn Francis, says it's those connections that make this work fulfilling for her. "Knowing that you're figuring out what's wrong, treating to the extent we can, and making sure your patient and the family understand what's taking place – most patients and family members are very grateful." Dr. Francis shares her patient load with her husband, Hospitalist Dr. Michael Francis.

Our Hospitalists focus on the unique needs of each patient with the goal of getting them back to their lives at home as safely as possible.

My wife, Dr. Jyoti Katakhar, is also here to help. She's part of our Hospitalist team at the Ross, too. Working with your partner is a wonderful support on challenging days – it's like getting a second opinion!

We appreciate the support we get from you, too.

Your donations fund the life-saving technology and essential equipment we need at our patients' bedside, day in and day out. Without you, our work would be even harder.

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of exceptional support

Having the right equipment gets clinical information into our hands faster. That information helps us to diagnose and treat our patients with exceptional care.

The tools and technology we count on needs to be available 24/7 and the hospital doesn't receive funding to buy all of the medical equipment we need.

For example, right now our Hospital needs:

- a new blood gas analyzer for the Laboratory to test the acid-base (pH) status, oxygen saturation and carbon dioxide content of our patients' blood,
- a replacement carbon dioxide monitor for the Intensive Care Unit,
- new portable vital signs monitors for use on the Medical and Surgical Units,
- a replacement transport monitor for use when patients are being transferred by ambulance to other hospitals, and
- a new Optiflow oxygen delivery machine to help patients breathe easier using positive air pressure.

The cost of this equipment is \$107,650. That's why I'm writing to you today.

We need your help. Will you please help ensure this vital patient care equipment is available 24/7 by making a donation to the RMH Foundation? Your gift will support the care of sick and injured patients of all ages – in every area of the Hospital.

Our team of doctors is touched by the kind words and encouragement we receive from the community and it's a comfort to know so many people are behind us in our effort to provide exceptional care together. With your support, you let us know that you, too, are here to help.

On behalf of our patients and their families, our Hospitalist team and the entire Ross Family, we want to thank you for your caring and your generosity.

Wishing you a healthy, happy spring,

Dr. Mark Chandra Dr. Jyoti Katakhar Dr. Michael Francis Dr. Sara-Lynn Francis
RMH Hospitalists

P.S. For your convenience, the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation accepts online donations. Please visit our website www.rmh.org/foundation for details.

P.P.S. Should you receive another appeal delivered to your home in the near future, I would like to ask for your understanding. We are delivering unaddressed appeals in many areas so that we can give local residents the opportunity to show their support for Ross Memorial. Despite our best efforts, this process occasionally delivers more than one letter per household; however, we thank you for your patience.

Monthly giving is convenient and makes it easy to lend your support.

I wish to make a monthly gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 or \$..... per month for months.

Deduct it from my bank account:

I've enclosed a cheque marked VOID. Bank deductions will be made on the 1st of each month.

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