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**The Richmond Hospital Foundation receives \$28,945 from
TB Vets Charitable Foundation for a Video Bronchoscope!**

Richmond, B.C. – On July 15, 2009 the Richmond Hospital Foundation was presented with the final installment on a pledge of \$28,945 from TB Vets Charitable Foundation. This generous donation went toward funding a vital equipment need at the Richmond Hospital – a Video Bronchoscope to be used in the Operating Room and Ambulatory Care Clinic.

A video bronchoscope is a telescopic device that enables doctors to diagnose patients with respiratory problems and lung diseases. It allows doctors to insert a tube with a tiny camera on the end to see inside the lungs, take samples, while pictures record information for comparison and diagnosis. Once the tube is inserted, the images are displayed on a monitor.

This device is particularly significant in its ability to diagnose patients with respiratory conditions and identify cancerous tumors in the lungs. It also aids in the diagnosis of certain pneumonias and lung diseases, and performs life-saving diagnoses on critically ill patients.

Getting a new video bronchoscope means shorter hospital stays for patients who are waiting to be examined by the equipment, which means shortening the wait times for over 300 patients – the approximate number of individuals who need the video bronchoscope every year.

The Richmond Hospital Foundation is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. A Board of Trustees who represents a broad spectrum of the community governs the foundation.



(Left to Right) Gerry Vowles, Andrea Caudrey from TB Vets, and Lisa Westermark, the Chief Executive Officer of Richmond Hospital Foundation.



(Left to Right) Lisa Westermark, Gerry Vowles and Andrea Caudrey with the Olympus Exera II Video Bronchoscope.