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MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN CANCER CENTRES

The McGuinty government is investing a total of \$33.13 million to replace and upgrade radiation equipment at 9 Ontario Integrated Cancer Programs (ICPs), as well as the University Health Network's Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). This will result in better access to quality cancer treatment and reduced wait times.

Integrated Cancer Programs (ICPs) provide comprehensive cancer services to a defined regional population. They bring together systemic therapy, radiation therapy, surgical oncology, preventative oncology, palliative medicine and supportive care services under a single leadership structure that is accountable to the host hospital board through the CEO.

Listed below are the 10 cancer centres and the equipment that Cancer Care Ontario is to provide to them with the funding approved.

Local Health Integrated Network	City	Cancer Centre	ICP Hospital	Funding Amount	Equipment to be purchased with funding
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant	Hamilton	Juravinski Cancer Centre	Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation	\$3.40 million	 CT Simulator Treatment Planning System Upgrade Conventional Simulator Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements
South East	Kingston	Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario	Kingston General Hospital	\$3.58 million	 Linear Accelerator Watertank Replacement related to Linear Accelerators Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements

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Waterloo Wellington	Kitchener	Grand River Regional Cancer Centre		\$0.85 million	Linear Accelerator UpgradeTreatment Planning System Upgrade
South West	London	London Regional Cancer Program	London Health Sciences Centre	\$4.45 million	 Linear Accelerator Upgrades CT Simulator Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements
Champlain	Ottawa	Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre	The Ottawa Hospital	\$0.40 million	Brachytherapy C-Arm and Couch
North East	Sudbury	Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre	Hôpital Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital	\$0.81 million	 Brachytherapy C-Arm and Couch Ultrasound system Treatment Planning System Upgrade Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements
North West	Thunder Bay	Northwestern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre	Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre	\$0.19 million	Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements
Toronto Central	Toronto	University Health Network	Princess Margaret Hospital site	\$9.50 million	 Cobalt Machine CT Simulator Treatment Integrating and Planning Systems
Toronto Central	Toronto	Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	\$8.72 million	 Linear Accelerators (2) Linear Accelerator Upgrades Radiation Clinical Information System Enhancements
Erie St.Clair	Windsor	Windsor Regional Cancer Centre	Windsor Regional Hospital	\$1.23 million	 Linear Accelerator

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