

# Fact Sheet Feuille de renseignements



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## EXPANDING MRI SERVICES IN ONTARIO

The McGuinty government is ensuring Ontarians have shorter wait times for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services by opening more MRI machines across the province, expanding the hours of operation of existing MRI machines, and replacing older MRIs with new and more efficient machines that deliver more exams faster. Today's announcement supports 39,500 more MRI exams for a total of 58,500 exams this year by continuing to extend hours of operation at existing MRI machines in hospital. This is in addition to the 37,260 more exams for 2005/2006 from last year's investment in 7 replacement MRI machines, the new hospital MRI machines and expanded hours of operation at the repatriated MRIs in Independent Health Facilities.

In total, these combined investments will result in a **42%** increase of MRI exams since the government came into office in 2003-04.

Provincially Funded MRI Capacity as of March 31, 2004			276,448 exams		
MRI Announcement	Additional Exams '04-05	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Additional Exams '05-06	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Running Total MRI Exams '05-06
<b>MRI Announcement – September 24, 2004</b>					
<b>New MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from 9 new MRI machines – hospital/city – starting dates</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>+5.1%</b>	<b>27,664</b>	<b>+10%</b>	<b>304,112</b>
Grey Bruce Health Services (Owen Sound) – Aug. '04					
Queensway-Carleton (Ottawa) – Sept. '04					
Halton Healthcare (Oakville) – Sept. '04					
Montfort Hospital (Ottawa) – Oct. '04					
York Central (Richmond Hill) – Jan. '05					
Markham Stouffville (Markham) – Jan. '05					
Windsor Regional Hospital (Windsor)					
Niagara Health System (Niagara Falls) *					
London Health Sciences Centre (London) *					
<b>Wait Times Announcements – February 3, 2005 and (DATE TBD)</b>					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams at the 30 hospital corporations</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>+6.8%</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>+21.2%</b>	<b>362,612</b>
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa)					
Grand River Hospital (Kitchener)					
Halton Healthcare Services Corporation (Oakville)					
Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation (Hamilton)					
Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (Sudbury)					
Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital (Windsor)					
Humber River Regional Hospital (Toronto)					

MRI Announcement	Additional Exams '04-05	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Additional Exams '05-06	% Increase over Mar. 31/04	Running Total MRI Exams '05-06
<b>Wait Times Announcement – February 3, 2005 and (DATE TBD)</b>					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams at the 30 hospital corporations (continued)</b>					
Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital (Burlington)					
Lakeridge Health Corporation (Oshawa)					
London Health Sciences (London)					
Niagara Health System (St. Catherine's)					
North York General Hospital (Toronto)					
Peterborough Regional Health Centre (Peterborough)					
Rouge Valley Health System (Toronto)					
Sault Area Hospital (Sault Ste. Marie)					
Southlake Regional Health Centre (New Market)					
St. Joseph's Health Centre (Toronto)					
St. Joseph's Healthcare (Hamilton)					
St. Michael's Hospital (Toronto)					
Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre (Toronto)					
The Credit Valley Hospital (Mississauga)					
The Ottawa Hospital Corporation (Ottawa)					
The Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie Inc. (Barrie)					
The Scarborough Hospital (Toronto)					
The Toronto East General Hospital (Toronto)					
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Thunder Bay)					
Timmins and District Hospital (Timmins)					
Trillium Health Centre (Mississauga)					
University Health Network and Mount Sinai Hospital (Toronto)					
William Osler Health Centre (Brampton)					
<i>Hospital-Based MRI</i>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>86,164</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>362,612</b>
<b>MRI Announcement – September 24,2004</b>					
<b>Longer Hours Of Operation Of Existing MRI Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from increasing hours of Independent Health Facilities MRI machines repatriated into not-for-profit sector</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>	<b>374,612</b>
KMH Centre (Kitchener)					
KMH Centre (Richmond Hill)					
Kingston MRI (Kingston)					
<i>Total (Ontario)</i>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>98,164</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>374,612</b>
<b>Wait Time Announcement – February 3, 2005 – Capacity</b>					
<b>Replacing Older MRI Machines with New and More Efficient Machines</b>					
<b>Additional exams from replacing 7 MRI machines with ones that are 10% more efficient</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>18,581</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>393,193</b>
Royal Victoria Hospital (Barrie) – Mar. '05					
Southlake Regional Health Centre (Newmarket) – Mar. '05					
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa) – Mar. '05					

<b>MRI Announcement</b>	<b>Additional Exams '04-05</b>	<b>% Increase over Mar. 31/04</b>	<b>Additional Exams '05-06</b>	<b>% Increase over Mar. 31/04</b>	<b>Running Total MRI Exams '05-06</b>
<b>Wait Time Announcement – February 3, 2005 – Capacity (continued)</b>					
<b>Replacing Older MRI Machines with New and More Efficient Machines</b>					
Thunder Bay Regional Hospital (Thunder Bay) – Mar. '05					
William Osler Health Centre (Brampton) – Mar. '05					
Trillium Health Centre (Mississauga) – Mar. '05					
Kingston General Hospital (Kingston) – Mar. '05					
<b>Total Enhanced MRI Exam Capacity from Provincial Funding in 2004/05</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>116,745</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>393,193</b>

\* Two new MRIs to come online by 2006/07.