

# ENHANCING BREAST CANCER CARE AND RESEARCH TO PROPEL THE FUTURE OF SPECIALIZED SURGERY



## TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SURGICAL LEADERS IN BREAST ONCOLOGY

Surgery saves lives. Every day, patients put their health in surgeons' hands, confident that St. Joseph's experts have what it takes. But no doctor practices forever. Hospitals will always need surgeons who are at the top of their fields – and if they aren't trained now, they won't be there when they're needed. With donor support, St. Joseph's can train the next generation of surgeons, ensuring not only better outcomes for future patients, but also stronger care and research today.



*Working with breast radiology, the breast surgical fellow will change the lives of patients facing breast cancer*

After completing five years of surgical residency training, many surgeons sub-specialize in a particular area of care. A fellowship is a learning opportunity, but the benefits are mutual. Clinical fellows collaborate on research, educate junior trainees and enhance St. Joseph's ability to deliver safe, effective surgical care.

Committed to training the next generation of surgeons, St. Joseph's has multiple fellowship programs in the Department of Surgery, but many lack sustainable funding. Around the world, future surgeons are eager to train in St. Joseph's world-class surgical programs – but many countries do not fund fellowships at all (like the United States and the United Kingdom). Available funding to support a fellow helps to attract the brightest and best candidates.

Donor support is urgently needed to fund a **fellowship in breast surgery** that will allow St. Joseph's to extend its global leadership and support high-quality surgical care right here in London.

## BUILDING SKILLS

St. Joseph's performs more than 18,000 day and short-stay surgeries and more than 1,300 inpatient surgeries each year - many supported by surgical fellows.

Fellowships offer real-time training at the side of an experienced surgeon providing a skilled set of hands - with key benefits to patients. Whether a fellow stays in London or brings their knowledge back to their home country, they're building a new future for health care.

## FOSTERING PATIENT-CENTRED BREAST SURGERY

**St. Joseph's Breast Care Program is dedicated to training knowledgeable, skilled and collaborative surgeons – because 76 Canadians are diagnosed with breast cancer every day.**

Breast surgical oncology fellows rotate through specialties including imaging, oncology (medical and radiation) and surgery. They also have the opportunity to study areas such as pathology, clinical genetics, palliative and supportive care, melanoma and plastic surgery. Each field prioritizes a patient-centred approach to care.

The breast care fellow will care for patients seen in the Norton and Lucille Wolf Breast Care Centre, the main hub of St. Joseph's Breast Care Program. This will provide exposure to the spectrum of benign and malignant (cancerous) breast disease, and create opportunities to work closely with St. Joseph's breast radiology team. While on surgery rotation, the fellow will benefit from hands-on experience with our surgical faculty and a surgical nurse practitioner.

The clinical fellowship is a one-year appointment with the opportunity to pursue a second research year and a Master of Science degree.

## LIVING OUR MISSION

Fellowships embody every aspect of St. Joseph's mission to pursue excellence in care, research and education.

Now more than ever, the need for global thought-leadership in health care is undeniable. Every community deserves exceptional doctors. Every community is capable of producing exceptional doctors. And with donor support, St. Joseph's surgeons will help position them as the surgical leaders of tomorrow.

## DONATE TODAY.

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## YOUR DONATION MATTERS HERE

Your gift will provide a breast surgical oncology fellow with the opportunity to come and train at St. Joseph's for a period of one year.

By investing in this opportunity, you are not only supporting the future of breast cancer care in Canada and worldwide—you are also impacting the lives of thousands of people who come to St. Joseph's for breast care each year.



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