CancerCare Manitoba

Radiation Therapy Photographs

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This document contains a number of old photographs that were kept by the Medical Devices and Nuclear Electronics sections of CancerCare Manitoba. Also included are photos of current equipment. In addition, there are a large number of images included with the soft version of this report. Keep in mind that the quality of these photographs varied a great deal and a number of them had suffered water damage. However, they still tell an interesting story.

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With thanks to Richard Shabaga, David Viggars, and others who took the time to photograph these machines.



This is the north side our original modern building, which opened in 1964. In 1981, it was doubled in length by adding to its south side. It was expanded again in 2003.





In 1999, we changed our name from *Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation* to *CancerCare Manitoba*. We got a new logo to go with the name.



Located in the basement was the large P.A. MacDonald physics laboratory in 1964. Back of the photo is the electronics lab.



Also located in the basement next to the physics lab was a machine shop. The shop was moved to the opposite end of the basement when the building was expanded in 1981. The machinist is Ray Gallent.



Mould room in the 1960's.



Early Eldorado Cobalt 60 Therapy Unit installed at Winnipeg General Hospital. This is the first commercial cobalt unit. It operated from 1955 until it was decommissioned in the early 1970's. Also shown is the head of electronics: Ernie Cartwright.



Early Cobalt 60 radiation treatment machine. Theratron "F" Teletherapy Unit serial #22 by the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. It arrived on February 12, 1963 and treated its first patient April 15, 1963. This machine was in operation for 30 years and was replaced only when a new cobalt source could not be obtained.



Control panel of the Theratron "F". Physicist with a piece of calibration equipment.



The Cobalt 60 unit's patient table has been replaced by one made by our Medical Devices section. It was designed for breast treatments.



Physicists would calibrate the output of the Theratron using a large tank of water.



Theratron F Cobalt Unit at MCTRF. A Cobalt 60 source is being loaded from the container (known as a "pig") on the right. The source was changed every five years.



Brown Boveri Betatron used for electron treatments installed mid-1960's and used until the mid-1980's. The unit is supported from above and all of the electronics and motion control for the massive magnets are contained in a room above the unit.



Original Picker cobalt 60 unit (SN 109 and 111) located at the Saint Boniface Hospital. It was in operation from 1956 until 1980.



Removal of the original Cobalt 60 unit from Saint Boniface Hospital.



Installation of a new Theratron 780 cobalt unit at Saint Boniface Hospital. It was affectionately referred to as the "Bonitron".



Loading the Cobalt 60 source into a new treatment machine. The source was shipped in the large green container on the right.



This is a "bead threader" that was built in-house by Medical Devices in 1965. It was used in the preparation of Cobalt 60 beads for treatment of the endometrial cavity.



SHM Nuclear Therapi 4 accelerator, SN 8683 was installed December 1974. The first patient was treated January 7, 1975 and it was in service until 1989.



Breast treatment couch on the AECL Therasim 750.



Thomas CGR Sagittaire first used November 14, 1977. It remained in service until 1993.



Accelerators are shipped in very large boxes. This is the klystron cabinet.



The Sagittaire during installation.



Demonstrating how to trace a contour of a patient onto paper. Photo taken in 1983.



Demonstrating the tracing a contour of a patient onto paper in 1983. Also shown mounted on the wall on the right is an orthovoltage x-ray unit used to treat superficial tumours.



Installation of the Siemens MD2 accelerator at Saint Boniface in 1992. The name MD2 means: M = magnetron based; D = dual energy; and, 2 = digital.





Nucletron high-dose-rate brachytherapy first installed in 1994. The treatment room was moved in 2002 when the building was expanded.



Installation of the KD2 linear accelerator at CancerCare.



Siemens Somatom 4 computed tomography simulator installed in 1998.



Therapax 3 orthovoltage x-ray unit in 2003.



Siemens KD2-B linear accelerator installed at MCTRF in 1996. Here the "K" in the name means it is klystron based.



Siemens MD2-g linear accelerator installed at CCMB in April 2000.



Varian Clinac 2100 installed in 2002.



Elekta Gamma Knife installed summer 2003 at the HSC.



Siemens Biograph combination PET and CT scanner installed 2005 at the U of M. The physicist is Rose Lawrence.

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Packing slip from 1954 for a Stabilipan othovoltage x-ray unit. This unit was installed at Saint Boniface Hospital and used until 1978.



This is the Stabilipan "pendulum" unit listed in the previous 1954 packing slip. Drawing taken from the Siemens Stabilipan manual.

There was also an orthovoltage unit installed at Winnipeg General Hospital in 1954 (type 16A-XRC, SN 851-152). A Siemens convergent beam orthovoltage unit was installed at Winnipeg General Hospital in 1957 and was used until 1977.

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Invoice from Siemens in 1956. The amount is \$7.35.



There was no Fax or email in 1959. Business was done with Telex and Telegram. Notice that this Telegram was addressed to the "Campbell Cancer Clinic".



This table lists our radiatio	n equipment used for treatment of	cancer over the years.

make	model	type	Local	installed	removed
Siemens	Stabilipan	Orthovoltage	SBGH	1954	1978
	pendulum				
Mattern	MDT-250	Orthovoltage	WGH	1954	?
Siemens	Stabilipan	Orthovoltage	WGH	1957	1977
	convergent beam				
Eldorado	?	Cobalt 60	WGH	1955	1970s
Chaul	?	orthovoltage	WGH	Dec 1955	1976
Picker	?	Cobalt 60	SBGH	1956	1980
GE	KX10	orthovoltage		1957	?
AECL	Theratron F	Cobalt 60	MCTRF	1963	1993
GE	Maximar 100	orthovoltage	SBGH	April 1963	1973
AECL	Theratron 780	Cobalt 60	SBGH	~1980	Dec 15 2000
Siemens	KD2-A	linac	MCTRF	Aug 1989	2003
Brown Boveri	Betatron	electrons	MCTRF	late 1960's	~1980
SHM Nuclear	Therapi 4	linac	MCTRF	1975	1989
Siemens	Stabilipan	orthovoltage	MCTRF	1978?	2002?
Picker	?	simulator	MCTRF	Dec 1971	~1985
AECL	Therasim 750*	simulator	MCTRF	March 1982	June 25 1999
AECL	Therasim 750**	simulator	SBGH	1984/1985	1993
Thomas CGR	Sagittaire	linac	MCTRF	Nov 14, 1977	1993
Siemens	MX2-E	linac	MCTRF	1990	2004
Siemens	MD2	linac	SBGH	March 1992	March 2005
Pantak	Therapax DXT-300	orthovoltage	MCTRF	1993	-
Nucletron	HDR	brachytherapy	MCTRF	1994	-
AECL	Theratron 780C	Cobalt 60	MCTRF	1995	-
Varian	Ximatron	simulator	SBGH	1995	2005
Siemens	KD2-B	linac	MCTRF	1996	-
Siemens	Somatom 4	CT simulator	MCTRF	1998	-
Siemens	MX2-F	linac	CCMB	2000	-
Siemens	MD2-G	linac	CCMB	April 2000	-
Varian	Clinac 2100 C/D	linac	CCMB	2002	-
Elekta	Gamma Knife C	Cobalt	HSC	2004	-
Varian	Clinac 2100 C/D -a	linac	CCMB	2004	-
Siemens	Biograph 16	PET/CT	U of M	July 2005	-
Varian			CCMB	2005	-
Varian			CCMB	2006	-

SBH Saint Boniface General Hospital WGH Winnipeg General Hospital MCTRF Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation CCMB CancerCare Manitoba, formerly MCTRF HSC Health Sciences Centre, formerly WGH U of M University of Manitoba

* Picker imaging chain.

** Used, from Edmonton & rebuilt at mctrf. Also had a Picker imaging chain.

A dash "-" in the removed column indicates equipment is still in service. A question mark "?" indicates that the name or date is unknown.