

More diagnostic imaging upgrades on the way

Summer is in full swing, and so is construction on the WLMH mammography and x-ray rooms.

The current machines have been well used and have now reached the end of their useable lifespan. Upgrades are needed to the rooms before the updated, top-of-the-line equipment can be installed.

Construction is well underway on the mammography room. The room is on-track to receive the machine the first week of September, with it being ready for patients by the end of September.

Demolition is also taking place on the first of the two x-ray rooms, to allow for continuity of service. X-ray machines use and produce more radiation than mammography, so the construction will follow a similar path as the computed tomography (CT) suite preparation. The first room will be open early October and work will start on the second at that time, reopening later this year.

These machines are being purchased through Hamilton Health Sciences' Managed Equipment Services (MES) agreement with Siemens Healthineers. The same one which supported the purchase of the CT.

We'll have more to share on these developments in the coming weeks and months.