

New pain clinic at the BMP Hospital



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On Tuesday, April 15 the BMP Hospital held the official inauguration of its new pain clinic which offers new specialized services in chronic pain.

In operation since the end of November 2013, infiltrations, injections and epidurals are administered by four anesthesiologists and a support team of physiotherapy, a nurse, administrative agent & nurse's aid. This addition to the hospital and its services has all been made possible by the support of the BMP foundation and thanks to the generous donors for a sum of \$190,000 which made the purchase of much needed equipment possible.

The services now administered in the pain clinic were already partially offered in the recovery room of the OR amongst the post op patients which was not ideal in an already cramped area. The new unit offers more space, comfort & confidentiality for the patients.

During the inauguration M. Petrucci, Director General acted as master of ceremony. Mario Lagimonière president of administrative council of the BMP foundation spoke, then Suzanne Riendeau-Clement, V.P. of the hospital administrative council. Dr Gerard Huni anesthesiologist followed all and spoke with eloquence and pride in the importance of helping patients with chronic pain.

Theresa Goyette a patient who has re-



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The inauguration ceremony of the new pain clinic at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville.

ceived treatment at the pain clinic gave a touching testimonial regarding a work accident she had suffered in 2012 which affected her right knee; chronic pain with no relief from traditional medicine and physiotherapy. With the help of treatment from the pain clinic the pain has become manageable and she can even get around without her cane. She even stated that, she was finally getting her life back. She is the perfect example of a solid collaboration in working together; family doctor, specialists and other health professionals in the betterment and best results of a patient.

Continuing the type of collaboration, working together and sharing knowledge, the CSSS La Pommeraiie and the BMP Hospital strive to be an innovative and dynamic model in health care meeting the needs of patients while improving services.



Dr. Huni and Charlotte Dubois (pain clinic nurse) taking care of a patient in the new pain clinic.

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Speeding leads to licence loss

Sherbrooke

Officers of the MRC du Haut St-François detachment of the Sûreté du Québec caught five motorists traveling at excessive speed over a period of eight days.

Since Easter, increased police presence in the 50 km/h zone in Weedon has led to the arrest of the 5 drivers whose speeds ranged between 96 and 100 km/h.

The last offender was caught Monday night around 11 p.m. The police issued a fine of \$682 and 10 demerit points. The man, aged 73, swore at the police as he left, which earned him a supplementary fine of \$148, as he became the latest driver to lose his licence since last week.