



## The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

University Health Network

### Patients receive same day breast cancer tests

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More patients being tested for suspected breast cancer at Canada's largest cancer hospital will be able to get a same-day diagnosis, thanks to a \$12.5-million donation by a survivor of the disease.

The rapid diagnostic centre at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto will eliminate the average 37-day wait for diagnosis.

When completely operational, the centre would also map out a treatment plan -- for surgery, chemotherapy or radiation -- on the same day a patient gets the diagnosis.

Emmanuelle Gattuso made the donation with her husband, broadcasting pioneer Allan Slaight.

The couple is also leading a fundraising campaign to secure the remaining \$12.5 million to complete the centre.

The clinic, which has a new pathology processor, was begun as a pilot project in 2006, and currently sees six to eight patients each week.

**The donation will allow the hospital to expand to about 15 patients per week in the next few months.**