

## A FAMILY TRADITION STILL AFTER 40 YEARS

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The name Monaghan has been entwined with Queensway Carleton Hospital since it opened in 1976. Stella Monaghan was the first patient the hospital took care of, before the hospital had even officially opened. When the name Monaghan is said within the walls of QCH, people know what family it is.

Doctor Ron Monaghan has been a General Surgeon at the hospital since 1998. He can often be found in the Department of Surgery, or doing shifts in the Ambulatory Care Unit. Coming to work at Queensway Carleton just made sense to him. “Of course, I’ve got strong family ties to this hospital. My grandmother was the first patient here, and my parents have been volunteering here for over thirty years. My father was on one of the earliest planning boards.” There was another reason though. “There was some restructuring going on at the Riverside, so that spurred my move here as well.”

When Dr. Monaghan made the move to QCH, it was his colleague in Surgery, Dr. Symes, that really went out of his way to make sure that Dr. Monaghan felt comfortable in his new job. “Dr. Symes always ensured that I was well supported if I had any surgical challenges. He’s still at this hospital; we’re in the same department.”

His favorite part about working at this hospital is the environment of the OR and the staff in them. “It’s a comfortable place to be – you see people on a daily basis, and you know them. The Nursing staff is very friendly and efficient. The OR is peaceful, focused.”

Dr. Monaghan has made many lifelong friends during his career at Queensway. He goes to numerous events the Foundation holds, as well as the golf tournaments. “Queensway Carleton has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. It’s my family’s hospital.”

A moment Dr. Monaghan won’t be forgetting for a long while involved his department. “A few years ago, an OR nurse developed a critical illness. The OR Team rallied around her, hosting events to assist with financial support for her family.”

The first thing that came to Dr. Monaghan's mind in regards to what he wanted people to know about Queensway Carleton was about the staff. "We have a very caring staff here. They're incredibly friendly, and they're quite committed to this hospital. The Nursing staff is always efficient, and they try their best. I see very satisfied patients because of that, and I'm very thankful."

Working at Queensway has taught Dr. Monaghan many things over the eighteen years he has been a Surgeon in its walls. "Teamwork, definitely. It's extremely important, especially in an OR. You need to work together; both for the best interest of the patient, and to cultivate a good working relationship."

The way Dr. Monaghan summarized his experience with Queensway Carleton Hospital really highlights the way he feels about it. "I have been very privileged to be a part of a hospital community that shows such caring and compassion for the surrounding community."

The word Dr. Ron Monaghan chose to describe Queensway Carleton Hospital, a place that has been entangled in his family's lives for so long? "Compassionate."

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