

Definition is important
when health is on the line.



Caring for our community is at the very heart of our mission.

Higher Definition With a New GI Tower

Your gift will go toward the purchase of equipment that will provide a higher definition view for the gastroenterologist and general surgeons and is adaptable for newer scopes as they become available.

Procedures that require this type of equipment are performed more than any other in our surgical department. Upper and lower scopes may not be exciting, but they are definitely life-saving. These scopes help doctors diagnose and treat problems such as GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease) and colon cancer.

The Value of Community Support

When rural communities thrive, it is because of the people and their commitment to work together and support one another.

That concept in healthcare can be a real game changer. With a 24/7, 365, broad-based community mission and the limits of a challenging not-for-profit budget, charitable gifts are critical resources.

Want to Know More?

If you would like to learn more about our mission, we would welcome a conversation with you. Call the Foundation Office at 810-648-6127.

*When it comes to the care of our families and friends,
imagine what we can do together!*

What is it for? The tower and monitor are required to perform colonoscopy (lower GI) and EGD (upper GI) procedures. Instruments used connect to the tower and monitor.

Why do we need this? The current tower we have is from 2009 and will not support newer scopes. The new tower will provide a higher definition view for the Gastroenterologist and is adaptable for newer scopes as they become available.

Will our scopes work with a new tower? Yes

Is this equipment needed often? These procedures are performed more than any other procedure in our surgical department. They are valuable for monitoring people for potential gastrointestinal disease that can be found before it becomes a problem.

Excluding skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancer cases in the United States for 2021 are: 104,270 new cases of colon cancer. 45,230 new cases of rectal cancer. Source: American Cancer Society

What is the cost of this equipment? \$135,000

Do you know anyone with these issues? If so, they probably had procedures using this type of equipment.

- Celiac disease
- Colon cancer and other gastrointestinal cancers
- Constipation, diarrhea and/or loss of bowel control
- Crohn's disease
- Diverticulosis and diverticulitis
- Gallstones
- Gas
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and heartburn
- Hemorrhoids
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including ulcerative colitis
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
- Liver and pancreatic cancers
- Nausea and stomach pain
- Ulcers

All gifts to the McKenzie Foundation are a special resource in the care of families and friends. Please join us in the effort to ensure loved ones always have the very best close to home.



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