



## Brain Scanner at Royal Ottawa Hospital

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We endorse the installation of the new brain scanner at the ROH. We believe its future benefits will be multifold.

- ❖ Clinicians will truly be able to understand the brain and ensure that mental illness diagnoses will be vastly more accurate.
- ❖ Identifying and treating organic causes of mental illness will be the norm and therefore eradicate the stigma toward patients and their families
- ❖ Our family members will be given treatment based on quantifiable scientific evidence and not merely on self-reported symptom clusters.
- ❖ There will be precise evaluation criteria of treatment methodologies.
- ❖ Our family members will experience fewer life threatening symptoms, and less anguish and deprivation and will have vastly improved quality of life.

In addition, we support – with the greatest urgency – all efforts to develop a range of psychiatric biometric measures as exist in all other medical disciplines.

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