

# Communiqué de presse

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## A new endoscopy specialty for the Hôpital régional de Saint-Jérôme

**Saint-Jérôme, October 19, 2021** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides is pleased to announce that it is adding a new endoscopy speciality to the medical specialties benefiting the public in our region. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is a procedure to examine the gallbladder and the pancreatic duct using a flexible tube.

The first procedure was performed by Dr. Yves Smerjian, general surgeon and a member of the surgical team at the Hôpital régional de Saint-Jérôme. Dr. André Roy, Hepatobiliary/Pancreatic (HBP) surgeon at the CHUM, is also among the first of the region's specialists to perform this procedure.

Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides, rejoices in this news. "I am proud that this new expertise can now benefit the public in our region. This means as many as 400 procedures a year, going forward", she said.

The procedure will mainly be offered at the Saint-Jérôme Regional Hospital and will be available for everyone in the Laurentians.

The CISSS des Laurentides wishes to thank the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, who welcomed the patients of our region who needed this procedure until now. The CHUM will continue to accept referrals for more complex cases.

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