

THE FINAL EPISODES

emergency room

LIFE + DEATH AT VGH

For Immediate Release

- **Final episodes offer rare glimpse at life in VGH's emergency department during the busy holiday season**
- **Has reached more than 5 million on-air and online viewers to date¹**
- **Winner of Best Documentary Series and People's Choice for Favourite TV Series at Leo Awards**

BURNABY BC – After two successful seasons, Knowledge Network is capping the award-winning series *Emergency Room: Life + Death at VGH* with two final chapters. Showcasing life in the ER during the busy holiday season, the final episodes offer a rare glimpse at what life is like during this hectic time of year for patients and hospital staff alike.

Filmed over Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the two episodes reveal the unique challenges faced by the VGH emergency department as the holidays and winter weather begin to take their toll on residents. While icy roads, hours of travel and a distracted meat slicer are all recipes for Christmas calamities, the holiday spirit manages to shine through thanks to the dedicated staff and surprisingly good-natured patients. Returning for the final two episodes is Series Producer Dave Moses, as well as season one director Kevin Eastwood.

Emergency Room: Life + Death at VGH the Final Episodes air Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 at 9pm on Knowledge Network.

Quotes:

"We think that these final episodes will give audiences an idea of the amazing work being done at hospitals during the holiday season. A trip to the emergency department can be stressful for anyone. After watching this series audiences should gain a better understanding of the life-saving work being done in their own backyard and come away with an appreciation of the people on the other end of their hospital stay." – *Rudy Buttignol, President & CEO at Knowledge Network*

"*Emergency Room: Life + Death at VGH* goes a long way to showing people what really happens in an emergency department so we're happy to promote an even greater understanding of this daunting, fast-paced part of our health care system. I know that we have some of the most skilled and dedicated staff working across VCH, and now millions of people will get to see what I see -- the world-class care delivered daily at Vancouver General Hospital." – *Mary Ackenhusen, President and Chief Executive Officer of Vancouver Coastal Health*

"I was surprised and so thankful for the wonderfully unintended effect this unique process and show has had in boosting our staff morale. It provides a unique and different vantage point. What we do every day is what we train to do and have a passion for – but seeing it from the viewpoint of a third person allows us, well certainly me, to truly appreciate the teamwork that takes place." – *Dr. Chad Kim Sing, Department Head and Medical Director of VGH Emergency*

¹ Numeris, Total Reach, Primetime, 2+, BC/Alberta
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About Knowledge Network: A viewer-supported public broadcaster, British Columbia's Knowledge Network offers commercial-free creative documentaries, arts and culture, drama and children's programs from British Columbia, Canada and around the world. Knowledge Network plays a vital role in supporting the independent production community in BC through the commissioning of broadcast and digital interactive content.

About VCH: VCH is responsible for the delivery of \$3 billion in community, hospital and residential care to more than one million people in communities including Richmond, Vancouver, the North Shore, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky corridor, Powell River, Bella Bella and Bella Coola.

About Lark Productions: Vancouver-based Lark Productions produces exceptional television that partners and travels internationally. Among its productions are MOTIVE (CTV, ABC, USA), CRASH GALLERY (CBC), EMERGENCY ROOM: LIFE + DEATH AT VGH (Knowledge Network, Discovery Fit), THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF VANCOUVER (Slice), and HIGH MOON (SYFY). Visit Lark Productions at www.larkproductions.ca. Lark also enjoys a distribution and development deal with NBCUniversal International.

Knowledge Network partnered with Lark Productions to produce the series.

For more information on *Emergency Room: Life and Death at VGH*, please visit www.knowledge.ca/er

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