

# Together we can

## Redevelopment Snapshot



Renovations at Hotel Dieu Hospital will provide patients from across the region who require ambulatory (outpatient) care – including day surgery or urgent care – with access to specialized care in one location.

Approximately 75,000 additional outpatient visits per year are scheduled to move to Hotel Dieu Hospital from KGH. Existing clinic space at Hotel Dieu cannot accommodate these additional outpatient volumes.

Our plan is to create 36,000 square feet of new space to allow most remaining outpatient clinics at KGH to transfer to Hotel Dieu. Specialty clinics will include those currently at Hotel Dieu Hospital such as ophthalmology, cardiology, children's clinics, orthopedics, breast assessment and mental health programs, as well as additional clinics moving from KGH.

Renovations to Hotel Dieu's lobby, the addition of a new bank of elevators and the development of bright new clinic space will enhance comfort and privacy for patients and provide a supportive outpatient care experience.



Kingston General Hospital is adding 170,000 square feet of space – three new floors for the Burr wing and two more on the Kidd tower – and renovating another 143,000 square feet. The seven KGH expansion and renovation projects will improve patient care access and provide the very best care.

More than three times as many patients are seen at the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario today than when it first opened in 1977. Within 10 years, the number of visits is projected to increase from 75,000 visits to 105,000 visits. It's overcrowded, there is no clinic for children and chemotherapy takes place in the basement.

Our plan is to almost double the Cancer Centre's size, create a separate clinic for children and move chemotherapy treatment upstairs to a brighter, larger area. The expansion and renovation of the Cancer Centre will provide patients with a more therapeutic environment and greater access to treatment.

Relocation and expansion of the Mental Health Inpatient Unit from Hotel Dieu to KGH will ensure patients have more privacy, an enhanced therapeutic environment and better access to comprehensive medical services at KGH, such as renal, cancer and cardiac care.

The unit's current location at Hotel Dieu means that patients' privacy may be compromised and they may feel the stigma sometimes associated with receiving care outside of the general inpatient population at KGH.

The new 43-bed unit, including a separate eight-bed adolescent unit, will be designed for the unique needs of these patients using the most advanced knowledge of the best recovery environment for mental health patients.

Expansion of the Intensive Care Unit at KGH will improve patients' access to surgical care. The Intensive Care Unit cares for patients with life-threatening illness and injuries including stroke, cardiac arrest, traumatic brain or spine injury, and renal failure.

The need for Intensive Care has grown substantially over the last few years due largely to the increased number of elderly in our area. The unit is often full, requiring the hospital to look after patients needing the high level care offered there, in the Emergency Department or other areas until a bed becomes available.

The lack of ICU beds means that more and more patients who should be cared for at KGH have to go elsewhere, far from their homes and families. It also means that sometimes surgeries are delayed for cancer or cardiac patients because an appropriate enhanced care space is not available for their recovery.

Our plan is to increase the size of the ICU and add 12 new beds to the



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current 21-bed unit.

Upgrades to the “engine” that drives the hospital, Central Processing Services, will help ensure patients have predictable access to surgical care, advanced surgical techniques, and improved infection control throughout the hospital. The area carries out the sterilization and distribution of all materials, instruments, and equipment that comes into direct contact with patients in the course of their care, including all surgeries.

Advances in surgical techniques have provided less invasive, more effective methods for surgically treating illness and disability, but the associated devices are more complex and often require more surgical instruments per case. We need more space to house these instruments.

Increasing numbers of cancer, orthopedics, cardiac and trauma patients are expected in future. CPS also requires more space and new technology to handle this increased demand for care. Our plan is to increase the size of the CPS and upgrade the equipment to provide the most efficient sterilization and distribution services possible to our operating rooms and other areas of clinical care.

Expansion and relocation of the Pediatric Inpatient Unit within KGH will provide children with a more child-friendly care experience. With an anticipated 1,575 admissions by 2015, the unit cares for infants, children and adolescents up to the age of 18 from across Southeastern Ontario.

Originally designed for adult rehabilitation, many of the rooms are ward style, with three or four beds to a room, making it very difficult

for parents to be involved in their child’s care and for the care team to accommodate the differences in age, gender and level of illness of children.

The new unit will be designed to address the emotional, physical and developmental needs of children, including private rooms and a large playroom. The unit will have designated pediatric ICU beds to help ensure critically ill children do not have to be sent out of region for care when the expertise is already in Kingston.

Expansion of the Dialysis Program at KGH will provide patients with more access to dialysis. The demand for dialysis services is growing in our region. KGH provides dialysis services for patients with kidney failure through our in-hospital facility and our satellite clinics.

Patients who have kidney failure face a host of complex and interrelated health issues. New facilities will provide more dialysis stations and additional facilities dedicated to the education and support of patients and their families.

Our plan is to double the number of in-hospital dialysis stations to meet the six per cent growth in patient demand, annually.

Increasing the number of Medical and Surgical Beds will significantly enhance patients’ access to care. The current bed shortage means patients have to wait for non-emergency surgical care, such as knee and hip replacements.

Our plan is to increase the number of medical and surgical beds.



The consolidation of Providence Care’s Mental Health Services and St. Mary’s of the Lake Hospital programs in a new building will provide patients with a more modern, fully accessible, therapeutic environment designed to enhance patient comfort and support rehabilitation and recovery.

The current facilities are not appropriate for the needs of today’s patients and clients, many of whom are recovering from a stroke or spinal cord injury, or living with complex physical or mental health issues.

The original buildings at St. Mary’s of the Lake date back to the turn of the century, and don’t easily accommodate today’s wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

The sprawling Mental Health Services site on King Street West was built in the 1950s. Its ward-style rooms spread across kilometres of stark concrete corridors are both inefficient to operate and unsuited to modern approaches to mental health care and recovery.

Our plan is to consolidate the programs from both sites in a brand new hospital on the King West site. New, efficient rehabilitation space for inpatients and outpatients will mean more people can benefit from post-surgical/accident or injury rehabilitation. Inpatient units will be grouped in neighbourhoods of smaller family-type clusters of eight to 10 beds with access to views of the surrounding landscape and to common areas.