

Dialysis Unit set to open in a few weeks

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It has been years in the making and the White Pines Wellness Centre will soon be hosting a dialysis unit. Carl Haynes, from the St. Joe's dialysis unit in Hamilton, said that he expects the dialysis satellite centre will open in the next couple of weeks.

The unit will open with six stations that will do two shifts, three days a week. Haynes said that he expects that the unit will eventually be running at twice that capacity.

"We are opening with a waiting list and we have a 12 patient capacity to start," said Haynes. "I know something is in the works to ramp up to full capacity so it can be six days a week and twice the patients. As to when that will happen I don't know."

Haynes, who will be the technologist on site, said that the major benefit to having the dialysis units right on the territory is that patients won't have to drive to Hamilton. He said that patients who receive the treatment do so three days a week for 3-4 hours at a time and sometimes the drive home after is difficult.

Haynes also talked about the requirements that patients need to meet before being accepted into the centre.

"Someone can be accepted as a patient long as they meet the basic health requirements because we don't have an emergency service like a hospital," said Haynes. "Let's face it, if something happens to you there aren't a lot of options. Dialysis is a life saving treatment but it

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Carl Haynes, dialysis technologist from St. Joe's hospital, showcased a dialysis unit at the Six Nations job expo on Wednesday. The unit Haynes had on display is the same type that will be used in the White Pines Wellness Centre. Haynes said that he thinks the satellite dialysis unit will be up and running at the Wellness Centre within a few weeks. (Photo by Erin Tully-Musser)