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**WELLNESS:** Responds across Ontario in minutes

# Pediatric transport unit new at Markham Stouffville

BY THERESA BOYLE

Critically ill children who need to get to an Ontario hospital quickly now have more services available through the expansion of a specialized emergency transport program.

A pediatric transport team will now be permanently based at Markham Stouffville Hospital and will be able to respond to children in need anywhere in the province within minutes.

The service was launched Thursday by Ornge, Ontario's transport medicine service, best known for its air ambulances.

Tom Lepine, Ornge's chief operating officer, said there are many advantages to having a specialized program for transporting sick children.

"Children are not just small adults. That's why we have specialized equipment to transport them and (staff with) specialized training. Everything about children is much, much different, including the mechanism of injury, the disease processes that they go through," he said.

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"We have several specialized pediatric hospitals in the province of Ontario and we have really just taken that concept further by providing ICU-level care during transport of that population," he added.

In the past, pediatric staff was often called

out of hospitals to assist in transporting children.

Three critical care pediatric nurses and three critical care paramedics have been recruited to the program. A team, consisting of a nurse and paramedic, will work 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

They will have access to specialized medical equipment designed just for children, including ventilators and medication infusion pumps.

**AMBULANCE, PLANES, CHOPPERS**

Their primary transportation vehicle is a specially outfitted critical care land ambulance, but they also have access to Ornge's fleet of fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

Called the Ted Rogers Paediatric Transport Program, it is named for the late communications titan whose charitable foundation donated \$250,000 to help get it off the ground.

Ornge responds to just over 21,000 calls annually, 17 per cent of which involve pediatric patients.

In most cases, children are transported from smaller hospitals to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, and to pediatric trauma centres in Hamilton and London.

The first pediatric transport program was launched in Ottawa in 2009.

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