



**On March 10, 2013,
Markham Stouffville Hospital
will achieve a significant milestone...**

MOVING PATIENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INTO OUR NEW BUILDING

In anticipation of the move, we have started to decrease service in a number of areas to allow our staff to complete training and prepare to provide care in our new areas. This will not affect patients who require urgent services or come to our emergency department, this will only affect elective procedures or tests.

PHASE ONE: Moving in is just the beginning of MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL'S EXPANSION

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON MARCH 10, 2013?

This is the day that we will move a number of patients, departments and services into the new building. To ensure that we can move patients as quickly and safely as possible, we are restricting visitors between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on March 10, 2013. We are asking that family members and friends do not visit between these hours and instead visit later in the day. Special consideration will be made for paediatric patients, patients in labour or other patients as deemed appropriate by the manager of each unit.

We expect the move to be complete by early afternoon and that patients who were moved will be in their new rooms by this time. Not all units are being moved into the new building. All departments will continue to function and provide care to their patients during the patient move.

On March 10 we will not be doing any unscheduled or walk-in diagnostic exams, other than for emergency patients. We will start to resume regular services the week of March 11.

COMING TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER MARCH 10

On the day of the move and in the days following the move, we will be learning to care for our patients in our new space.

WHO IS MOVING INTO THE NEW BUILDING?

- Emergency department
- Inpatient and outpatient mental health
- Childbirth and children's health centre
- Surgery
- Critical care
- Diagnostic imaging
- A number of inpatient units and support services

If you need to come to the hospital for an appointment or come to the emergency department, we will be here to provide care for you. However, if you do not need to visit the hospital, we ask you not to come to the hospital in the weeks immediately following the move. This will allow us to continue to focus on our patients. If you do need to visit the hospital as a patient or visitor, please give yourself a few extra minutes as there will be new entrances and new parking lots which you may need to use. Please note that the hospital will continue to be a construction site until late 2014 due to extensive renovations to our existing building.

GETTING INTO THE BUILDING AFTER HOURS

Once we move into the new building, accessing the building after hours will change. If you are coming to the hospital

for any reason between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., you must enter through the Emergency Department. You will be required to sign in. This additional security feature will allow us to make certain patients and visitors are directed to the right departments.

WHAT WILL CHANGE / WHAT WILL STAY THE SAME?

Although the physical location of many of the departments will change and they will be in locations in the new building, the overall number of beds will remain the same as it is today. This is to allow us to make the transition in the safest way possible. It is important to know that overall our capacity is not immediately increasing once we move into the new building.

MORE INFORMATION?

Our website - www.msh.on.ca is a great resource for more information about our move, the expanded facility and our renovation plans. Visit often to be kept up-to-date and if you have any questions, feel free to email myhospital@msh.on.ca



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