

Cardiac Care

The Redevelopment of Hamilton General Hospital

The first redevelopment project to be completed was the Dofasco Heart Investigation Unit (HIU). The new HIU has significantly reduced the wait list for cardiac catheterization and cardiac angioplasty in our region. During its first two years of operation, Hamilton Health Sciences' HIU has gone from having the longest cardiac catheterization waiting list in the province to the shortest.

Thanks in large part to a generous donation from Dofasco Inc., the new facility features four state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization laboratories, a 32-bed recovery area and a waiting room for up to 45 people.

The Juravinski Surgical Suite now has four operating rooms (ORs) dedicated to cardiac surgery. Thanks to the support of Charles and Margaret Juravinski, two new rooms were developed to complement the existing two. The new cardiac ORs accommodate scheduled and urgent open-heart and bypass surgery. They are among the most sophisticated facilities of their kind in the country and the first new cardiac ORs to be built in this region in more than 25 years.

Also at the General Hospital site, our new heliport is nearing completion and is situated on the rooftop at Hamilton General Hospital. The new structure eliminates the need for ground ambulance transfer; instead patients will now be taken directly from the helicopter into a security-controlled elevator to the Emergency Department and Trauma Centre.

Rehabilitation

Creation of the new Regional Rehabilitation Centre

The new Regional Rehabilitation & Acquired Brain Injury Centre to be built at the General Hospital site will enhance life for patients who have complex rehabilitation needs resulting from acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, stroke or other traumatic injuries.

Our benefactor, Chedoke Health Corporation, generously supported the creation of the new centre. When completed, the \$35 million facility will be a centre of excellence in the care, research and delivery of rehabilitation medicine. With a total of 91 inpatient rehab beds, it will be fully accessible to wheelchair users and will include gardens and transition apartments for practicing daily living skills. There will be a number of outdoor and indoor exercise and practice facilities, a therapeutic pool and a full range of specialized consultative resources. Construction is expected to be completed in 2009.



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Happy hearts – The new Heart Investigation Unit at Hamilton General Hospital has significantly reduced wait times for cardiac catheterization. Hamilton Health Sciences now has the shortest wait time for this procedure in the province.



A new kind of care – The innovative Regional Rehabilitation & Acquired Brain Injury Centre will be a centre of excellence in rehabilitation. Its unique facilities will help to improve the lives of patients with complex rehabilitation needs.

