

HSC Winnipeg Women's Hospital ON THE MOVE



7 Weeks until First Patient Day

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Watching and learning from a hospital move in action

Last month, leaders from HSC visited Saskatoon to observe a hospital move in action under the direction of Health Care Relocations (HCR). HCR is a company that specializes in moving hospitals worldwide, and has been contracted to help us plan and orchestrate our move to the new HSC Winnipeg Women's Hospital.

Our team returned with insights and lessons learned that will inform our efforts. They saw first-hand the methodology used by HCR and were active observers for the entire move from start to finish. The move was similar to our upcoming move in size and types of patients being relocated to a new building. The move was executed safely, successfully, and

according to schedule. The value of frequent, clear communication to everyone involved was evident. As was the importance of sticking with the plan – including bringing issues through the command centre instead of trying to respond ad hoc in isolation.

“One of the biggest surprises for me was how quiet and calm everything was,” said Carrie Fruehm, HSC Chief Allied Health Officer and Executive responsible for the upcoming move. “Nothing was rushed and every step was well-planned and expertly choreographed.”

Lynda Tjaden, Director of Women's Health, agrees. “It was obvious that HCR's priority is moving patients safely

and respectfully. A full complement of HCR professional staff and the hospital staff worked calmly and efficiently alongside each other.”

For Carrie, the visit was encouraging. “So much work is happening in concert as we prepare all aspects of a safe transfer of patients, staff and equipment to the new facility. Having seen this similar move in Saskatoon, I am confident we're on track to be ready for December 1, 2019.”



Infection control is a key aspect of the move. HCR provides packing containers that are fully wipeable (pictured here). Cleaning stations will be set up at both ends of the move. All containers and equipment will be sanitized before leaving 735 Notre Dame and again at 665 William Avenue before being brought into patient care areas. October 29 and 30 HCR will host seminars onsite to show the specific use and packing technique for each type of container. A representative from each area that will be moving should attend a seminar.

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Pictured at right:

1. A comfortable seating area for patients and visitors on Level 1. The beautiful hardwood floor is reclaimed from the Weston Bakery which stood on this site from 1923 until it was taken down in 2011. Repurposing materials from the demolition helped contribute to the new building's LEED Certification.
2. Part of the "Family Zone" in Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU). This area includes a kitchen, breast pumping room, children's play area with soft seating and TV, and lockers for families and visitors.
3. Entrance to one of the five patient "pods" in NICU. Each pod is designated a unique colour: Pod A is Orange, Pod B is Yellow, Pod C is Green, Pod D is Blue, Pod E is Purple.



Tours!

Sign up for a tour of the new HSC Winnipeg Women's Hospital, 665 William Avenue!

This is your chance to get an exclusive look at our state-of-the-art facility before the First Patient Day on December 1, 2019.

Tours for HSC staff only:
October 28 to November 1

You will need a ticket to attend.

To receive your free ticket, register for your choice of guided tour date and time at

staff-tours-hsc-womens.eventbrite.ca

Public open house:

Saturday November 2

You will need a ticket to attend.

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publicopenhousehscwomens.eventbrite.ca