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Airdrie Urgent Care adds more treatment spaces

Construction to begin this summer to improve patient flow

AIRDRIE – Planning is underway and construction will begin this summer to add five additional treatment spaces at Airdrie Urgent Care.

This expansion will help to address the current demand for health care services in the community and will improve patient flow within the department.

“We are pleased to be moving forward with adding five more treatment spaces at Airdrie Urgent Care,” said Dr. Ted Braun, Acting Associate Zone Medical Director, Alberta Health Services (AHS). “This expansion will help to improve access to urgent care services within the community.”

In 2013, AHS completed an Urgent Care Review. One of the recommendations of that review was to use existing space and resources and expand the number of treatment spaces at Airdrie Urgent Care. Using existing meeting room and office space, by winter 2015/16, Airdrie Urgent Care will have a total of 14 treatment spaces.

Approximately 29,507 patients were seen in Airdrie Urgent Care in 2014/15; 29,903 patients were seen in 2013/14; 29,486 patients in 2013/12; 27,688 in 2011/12; 28,155 in 2010/11; and 29,383 in 2009/10.

Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Airdrie Urgent Care provides extended hour access for unexpected but non-life-threatening health concerns, which require same day or evening treatment. Patients coming to urgent care centres may arrive on their own, or be transported there by ambulance. Common conditions treated in an urgent care centre include broken bones, sprains, cuts, asthma, dehydration, pain and infections.

Patients with life threatening conditions continue to be treated in emergency departments within Calgary and area.

AHS continues to work closely with the surrounding communities, as well as the Airdrie Health Foundation, City of Airdrie, Highland Primary Care Network and other partners to explore future opportunities for improving and enhancing health services in Airdrie using the results of the engagement survey launched last fall.

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