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MRI move boosts access, trims wait times in Lloydminster

Relocation to Lloydminster Medical Imaging clinic effective July 18

LLOYDMINSTER — Regional residents will benefit from increased access and reduced wait times for routine MRI service with the relocation of mobile MRI unit services at Lloydminster Hospital to a permanent service Lloydminster Medical Imaging clinic.

Effective July 18, the new clinic service replaces the mobile MRI service that has been in use at the Lloydminster Hospital one week out of every five, as it also rotated through other Alberta towns.

"This relocation will benefit patients as it will increase access and reduce wait times for patients needing MRI services," says Cheryl Mitchell, Regional Director of Medical Imaging Services, Prairie North Health Region (PNHR).

Offering routine MRI services through the Lloydminster Medical Imaging clinic will also improve convenience for patients. The clinic is modern and well-equipped, with increased privacy for patients and easier access to parking.

The mobile MRI unit operated by Alberta Health Services (AHS) will make its final visit to the Lloydminster Hospital the week of July 13-17. Starting July 18, all MRI patients will be redirected to Lloydminster Medical Imaging, 4121 – 70 Ave.

"Moving our MRI services to a stationary clinic in Lloydminster is a step forward and allows us to improve MRI services for both Alberta and Saskatchewan patients," says Kate Luchenski, Central Zone Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

Prairie North Regional Health Authority is the Saskatchewan health region responsible for the delivery of health services to over 80,000 residents in northwest central Saskatchewan and all residents of the border City of Lloydminster. Prairie North's mission is to work with individuals and communities to achieve the safest and best possible care, experience and health for the people we serve.

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