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The Lois Hole Hospital for Women . . .

- is a dedicated, five-floor “hospital within a hospital” for women’s health located in the new 33,450 square-metre Robbins Pavilion at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.
- will welcome its first patients in mid-May, with 98 beds and 22 flex beds, plus capacity for future growth. The flex beds provide for expanded capacity to meet unpredictable obstetrical needs.
- expects around 5,000 births and over 200 multiple births.
- focuses on clinical care, innovation, research, prevention, and education.
- serves as a centre for excellence for women’s health with services in high-risk obstetrics, specialized gynecological services, and cancer surgery.

About Patient Care:

- Will consolidate the majority of women’s ambulatory and inpatient health services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in one building for increased accessibility and improved quality of care.
- Includes 26-bed inpatient units with private and semi-private rooms.
- Provides increased support to patients with decentralized nursing areas and the ability for monitored observation beds, so staff and physicians can be closer to patients.
- Includes patient rooms with more space, wheelchair accessible washrooms, enhanced furnishings and Interactive Bedside Terminals (IBTs), which provide patients with convenient access to the internet, telephone, and television, as well as educational information.
- Includes a day-surgery unit equipped with 16 stretcher bays and privacy walls.
- Includes special amenities, such as a washer and dryer for longer-stay, high-risk antepartum patients.
- Includes two labour and delivery rooms with infant resuscitation areas to support a new model of care for high risk births whereby an infant can be cared for by Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staff right near the delivery room for up to four hours for stabilization before being transported directly into the nearby NICU.
- Will provide improved supports and services to the women and families currently using Royal Alexandra Hospital’s women’s service including:
 - 24,000 ambulatory clinic patient visits,
 - 1,200 gynecology inpatients,
 - 2,000 day-surgery patients and 800 gynecology medical patients,
 - the delivery of approximately 5,000 births and 215 high-risk pregnancies and multiple births,
 - 3,800 surgeries (2,000 day surgery and 1,800 inpatient cases).

About Smart Design:

- Is built to conserve heat, and the ‘green’ roof, provided by the Ted and Lois Hole Healing Garden, lowers energy consumption.
- Contains windows that are treated to reflect heat back into the building.
- Contains nursing units and other spaces that were constructed to easily adapt to the evolving needs of future health-service provision.