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## Renovations expand patient service capabilities at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre

RED DEER — Patients will soon enjoy the benefits of a larger Pre-Admission Clinic following construction and renovations at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre (RDRHC). Its multi-phased building capacity project will repurpose the use of space in the hospital's main level and South Complex second floor.

“Our intent here is to repurpose existing space to expand program and service capabilities at the hospital,” says Carol Murray, Vice President, RDRHC. “These renovations will make room for the new spacious home of the Pre-Admission Clinic. Public parking is also available right outside the South Complex, making it easier for our patients and visitors to find their way.”

Phase one, to be completed this summer, will bring the Pre-Admission Clinic into the South Complex from its current location within the hospital. The clinic — where pre-surgery patients come to learn about what to expect during surgery — more than doubles in size, with easy access for the public. It's located just off the second floor elevators of the hospital's South Complex main entrance.

Other elements of phase one include a modified second-floor reception area and the addition of the Bariatric Clinic, which specializes in the care and treatment of obesity; it's currently located across the street from the hospital.

Upcoming phases of the building capacity project will satisfy several service needs. The former Pre-admission Clinic Space will expand the hospital's endoscopy patient waiting area, assessment care area, scope processing/cleaning space and Medical Day Room. In addition, a fourth endoscopy suite will be added for the colorectal screening program, thanks to funds donated from the Red Deer Regional Hospital Foundation.

“We're very excited about this project and the benefits it brings to our hospital, our patients, their families and our staff,” says Murray. “We're improving access to care and services, which will in turn improve patient flow through our facility. It's a win-win situation.”

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