

BRIEFING NOTE: REDEVELOPING OUR SITES & FACILITIES

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About Our Healthy Future

Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) is doing long-range planning for our redevelopment over the next 20 years. The initiative is called *Our Healthy Future* and it requires a high degree of staff and community engagement. Redevelopment is a multi-year process for Ontario hospitals, requiring approvals from the Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Redeveloping our sites & facilities: What we propose to change

The square footage of Hamilton Health Sciences will grow by 50 per cent, with the bed count increasing to 1,800 from 1,200, to meet the changing needs of our community.

We will redevelop and enlarge two hospital campuses – **Hamilton General Hospital (HGH)** and **Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre (JHCC)** – and locate all of our Hamilton-based acute-care services at these locations over the next 20 years. At the same time, there will be more HHS services located in the community, such as clinics, non-acute care and urgent care. Over the next several months we will develop an Outpatient Strategy for services to be delivered beyond hospital walls.

Our **Children’s Hospital**, and our women’s health services (including Obstetrics and Gynecology) would re-locate from McMaster University Medical Centre to a new building on the HGH campus.

The programs currently at **St. Peter’s** would move to new, custom-built space at the Juravinski Hospital after this site is redeveloped.

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH) in Grimsby will be rebuilt to house four anchor programs: Emergency Care, Maternal/Newborn care (low risk), Community Surgery and Community Medicine.

Why are we proposing this?

- These changes will enable HHS to meet the demands of a growing population and our responsibilities as a regional hospital providing specialized services that in some cases, are used province-wide.

- Our oldest buildings have sections dating back as far as the 1930s. At Hamilton General and Juravinski, we have patient care areas that don't come close to modern standards for accessibility, privacy and infection control, such as crowded, multi-bed wards and patient bathrooms too small to get into with a walker or wheelchair.
- Rebuilding at just two Hamilton sites improves patient flow and the patient and family experience, while minimizing duplication of specialized equipment and services.

What remains the same

- HHS will provide all the same programs and services it does today
- We will have the same number of emergency departments as exist today
- There will be the same number of labour and delivery (maternal/newborn) locations

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ **Hamilton's hospitals need to grow and change for the needs of tomorrow**
- ▶ **This is our opportunity to plan for long-overdue capital redevelopment**
- ▶ **There will be more HHS services provided in community settings**

Where we are in the *Our Healthy Future* planning process

The ***Our Healthy Future*** (OHF) initiative is a redevelopment planning process that began in spring 2015. As of June 2016 we developed a vision for our future model of care and the facilities we'll need to deliver that care.

This work is now being reviewed by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

HHS has started work on the next stage of planning, which adds more detail to our high-level vision, including cost estimates, prioritization of projects and timelines for the vision to take shape.

There are a total of five stages in the redevelopment planning process that Ontario hospitals are required to use. The process can take several years to complete.

How can I learn more?

Please visit our OHF web site: www.OurHealthyFuture.ca. You can also email us with a question or comment at ourhealthyfuture@hhsc.ca.