

BRIEFING NOTE: SAME-DAY SURGERY

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.

Same-day surgery: What we propose to change

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, more HHS services will be located in the community, such as clinics and non-acute care.

At **West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH)** in Grimsby, we propose a rebuilt facility to house four anchor programs: Emergency Medicine, Maternal/Newborn Care, Community Surgery and Community Medicine. Our Community Surgery program will focus on low-risk, same-day surgery in the areas of gynecology, urology and general surgery, and endoscopy procedures.

The Community Surgery program at West Lincoln would have four day surgery suites and two procedure rooms, which expands the current operating room capacity at Hamilton Health Sciences.

Why are we proposing this?

- Expanding our operating room capacity with a dedicated surgical centre for low-risk procedures would create a new option for Hamilton-area residents.
- The day surgery program at WLMH is anticipated to be a high-volume centre providing very efficient flow-through for patients.

What remains the same

Day surgery will continue to be performed at all Hamilton acute care sites. When a day surgery is scheduled, its location is always based on a number of factors:

- The type of surgery and the recommended surgeon (your referring physician may recommend a particular surgeon, and not all HHS surgeons practice at all sites)
- A patient's pre-surgery condition and the possibility of needing to remain in hospital overnight should complications arise
- Any timing considerations based on the patients' condition or personal preference
- Any travel restrictions that a patient may express to his or her referring physician

3 POINTS to remember

- ▶ **We're proposing a dedicated surgical centre for low-risk procedures to be located at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital**
- ▶ **This change would add more operating rooms to HHS**
- ▶ **Day surgery will continue to be offered in Hamilton**

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@hpsc.ca.