

Construction Work Nears Half-Way Mark As Part Of Pembroke Regional Hospital's Surgical Redevelopment Project

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PEMBROKE – With one year's worth of work nearly complete, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is marking the half-way point of its *Surgical Redevelopment Project* with commencement of a new phase that will see the temporary move of its inpatient Surgical program to another area of the hospital.

Over the past year, work on this project which primarily affects the third floor of Tower A has included demolition of the old operating rooms and the building's original chapel in order to make way for the new Surgical Day Care wing and an area that will house a new endoscopy suite, multi-procedural room and the hospital's medical device scope reprocessing area.

According to Beth Brownlee, Vice-President of Clinical and Support Services, the project will now move into a new phase which will require the relocation of the current Surgical inpatient wing so that upgrades to that area can take place.

"Effective June 8th, our inpatient Surgical program will be moved to the second floor of Tower A where it will remain for approximately one year," Ms. Brownlee said.

"From a patient perspective, very little will change," she said. "They will still have the same health care team, the same equipment, the same layout and the same quality patient experience they have now. It will just take place on a different floor."

Ms. Brownlee noted that, in order to alleviate confusion for those visiting Surgical patients, wayfinding signage in the building will be temporarily updated and next of kin will be clearly informed about the location of their loved ones when they are brought in for their procedures.

PRH President and CEO Sabine Mersmann said that while the hospital recognizes the impact construction has on the patient environment in terms of noise and changes like this, the end result will be well worth it.

"For our patients, completion of this project next summer will mean a refreshed and upgraded inpatient environment with four additional private rooms, additional washrooms, air conditioning upgrades and more. We thank everyone for their patience as we work towards this result," Mrs. Mersmann said.

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