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“Renovations Running Smoothly at Lloydminster Hospital”

Lloydminster Hospital is abuzz with the sights and sounds of construction. The Emergency Department Renovation project is underway and is in the second stage of renovations. Second phase work includes construction of the main entrance, the new doctors' lounge and quiet room.

“Beginning next week, March 1-2, access to the Admitting Department from the temporary entrance will be restricted and re-routed,” explains Lionel Chabot, Vice President of Development and Operations for Prairie North Health Region. Directional signage to the Admitting Department will be posted.

Patients, clients, staff and visitors to Lloydminster Hospital are reminded that construction is ongoing and to be aware of safety and directional signage. “As always, our first priority is the safety of our patients and our staff,” says Chabot. “Safety precautions and infection control measures are being taken and must be adhered to by project workers, our health care providers, patients, families, and visitors.”

Improvements to the Emergency Department include an expanded waiting area, improved triage space, and the creation of a quiet room for families, as well as an isolation treatment space. The Admitting Department will be separated from the Emergency Department and space will be designated for separate waiting, registration and reception areas in Admitting. Also included in the renovation is the creation of a clinical space for the introduction of a Mammography unit/program.

The first phase of the project, which included the construction of a temporary main entranceway to the hospital, demolition of the Scheduling Department office, and creation of a temporary waiting room, has been completed.

The ER renovation and redevelopment at Lloydminster Hospital is being undertaken to meet the most urgent and critical demands for expansion and improvement at the facility. The ER renovation and redevelopment is a shorter term interim improvement, pending longer-term total rejuvenation and expansion of Lloydminster Hospital.

“This renovation comes as recognition that the ER needs more functional and expansive spaces in order to better serve the needs of Lloydminster and area patients/clients and residents,” says Chabot. “We truly appreciate the patience and cooperation shown by our clients and our staff as we progress with this important quality improvement and health and safety initiative.”

The multi-phase renovation project began in November 2010 and is scheduled for completion Fall 2011. Funding for the \$3 million PNHR project is provided equally by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, Government of Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness and Lloydminster Region Health Foundation.

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