

Nine Operating Rooms Open at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's Charlton Campus as Restoration After Flooding Progresses

Monday, January 20th 2014 – Hamilton, ON – Following thorough safety testing of facilities and equipment, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's Charlton Campus has re-opened five of the twelve operating rooms (ORs) in the Surgical Tower that were damaged in flooding that occurred January 8th, 2014. A sixth OR has been opened to act as a temporary sterile core, where surgical instruments are staged for procedures, as work continues to remediate the true sterile core also damaged by flooding.

These five fully restored operating rooms in the Surgical Tower join the four operating rooms in Mary Grace Wing, delivering a total OR capacity of nine operating at the Charlton Campus.

Leveraging its other campus resources, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton has also opened up surgical space in Hamilton's east end at the King Street Campus, where there is capacity to perform complex surgeries that would otherwise be completed at Charlton Campus.

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton staff continues to work as a team to fully repair the remaining damaged physical space.

“Our innovative and dedicated surgeons, staff and anesthesiologists have diligently worked to restore our surgical capacity at Charlton Campus. We are now at the point where we are caught up with cancer surgery procedures,” says Dr. David Higgins, President, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. “Compassionate care for our patients continues to be our top priority as we innovate new ways to serve our community during this challenging time.”

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More information:

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton will continue to update on our community as the situation evolves on our [external website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) channels.

Below is the current status of our operational capacity at St. Joe's Charlton Campus:

Please note that as we rebuild our capacity we will be moving some procedures to different locations please read information carefully and consult with your physician's office if you have a concern.

New Information:

Operating Rooms

- A total of nine operating rooms at Charlton Campus are open and in use performing complex surgical procedures. To serve our community and safely expand capacity, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Charlton Campus surgical services will be operating an extended hours schedule.
- *Patients will be contacted with respect to their surgery time and location for their procedure.*

King Campus

- Thanks to the innovative thinking, flexibility and planning of our surgeons, staff and anesthesiologists, we've opened two operating rooms at our King Campus location. We've leveraged our capacity to work as a system by outfitting these two operating rooms with state-of-the-art equipment to safely and effectively perform surgeries that would otherwise be completed at Charlton Campus, such as some orthopedics surgery, breast cancer surgery, and plastic surgery.
- *Patients will be contacted with respect to their surgical times and location for their procedure*

Emergency Department

The Emergency Department at our Charlton Campus is open 24/7 and accepting all ambulance patients as well as walk-in patients.

- Approximately 60% of the emergency department remains hoarded while remediation takes place.
- To increase our ability to care for patients, a Medical Surgical Assessment Unit (MSAU) has been opened on the 2nd Floor in the Day Surgery overflow space. If you are visiting a loved one who is admitted to this space, this is what the entry to that unit looks like:

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We will continue to update our patients and community about our ongoing recovery efforts as we strive to bring full services back on line as quickly as possible. We encourage you to “Like” our [Facebook Page](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#). Current information can also be found on our website (www.stjoes.ca).