

## Media Release

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### **New Kingston Satellite Dialysis Clinic set to open**

Regional patients who rely on Kingston General Hospital's in-hospital satellite dialysis clinic will soon have a bigger, brighter and more comfortable environment in which to undergo treatment.

KGH's Kingston Satellite Dialysis Clinic has relocated to a newly retrofitted area on the second floor of Providence Care's Mental Health Services site on King Street West. The new clinic, located on the second floor of the Medical Building, will begin dialyzing patients June 1.

The relocation will allow KGH to increase its capacity from 11 to 14 stations and provide dialysis for up to 72 patients. Two of the stations will be segregation stations for patients requiring infection control precautions and two stations for training selected patients who choose to undergo dialysis at home. Each station is equipped with an individual telephone and television. Patients will also have access to 10 dedicated parking spaces adjacent to the clinic entrance as well as barrier-free parking.

The move is necessary to make way for the continued expansion of the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario at KGH. The area currently housed by the in-hospital satellite unit will be renovated to accommodate part of the new chemotherapy suite.

"The new clinic is a wonderfully bright space with lots of natural light, enhanced privacy and improved accessibility," explains KGH President and CEO Leslee Thompson. "We're fortunate that the new stations are also more spacious which will provide a much more comfortable environment for our patients."

Providence Care is pleased to have KGH make valuable use of empty space at Mental Health Services. "The opening of KGH's new Satellite Dialysis Clinic at MHS demonstrates how as hospitals we work together for the best outcomes for our patients and clients," says Dale Kenney, Providence Care President & CEO.

KGH has six other satellite dialysis units including Belleville, Bancroft, Picton, Perth/Smiths Falls, Weeneebayko General Hospital in Moose Factory and Kingston Penitentiary. These satellite clinics service about 130 patients.

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