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Transfer of clinics from Kingston General Hospital to Hotel Dieu Hospital starts Feb. 19

(Kingston, ON, Feb. 19/2013) Dozens of ambulatory clinics started transferring to Hotel Dieu Hospital from Kingston General Hospital (KGH) today, a shift that advances Hotel Dieu’s role as the centre of specialized ambulatory care in the region and that ensures KGH can focus on its regional role as a centre of excellence for acute inpatient care.

Close to 80 outpatient clinics are slated to move to Hotel Dieu over the next month, representing close to 50,000 additional patient visits per year.

Most of the clinics are being transferred from the Fraser Armstrong Patient Centre at KGH, although certain ambulatory clinics will remain at KGH in order to provide patients with the full spectrum of specialty care including renal care, cancer care, obstetrics, gynecology, vascular surgery and existing cardiac activity.

Clinics that will be moving from KGH to Hotel Dieu include hematology, neurology, neurosurgery, endocrinology, urology, respirology, thoracic surgery, rheumatology, infection and immunology, internal medicine and cystoscopy. Also moving is the Pulmonary Function Testing Lab and the Anticoagulation Management Service. Many KGH staff members who have been providing excellent care to patients in the ambulatory clinics will move with the programs to Hotel Dieu.

At Hotel Dieu, the clinics will occupy 36,000 square feet of newly developed space, a $20 million redevelopment project that was officially unveiled Feb. 6.

“This transfer consolidates specialized ambulatory care services at Hotel Dieu, providing comfort and convenience for patients in a setting designed to support the most innovative and excellent practices in ambulatory care,” says Dr. David Pichora, Hotel Dieu’s Chief Executive Officer.

Patients and families looking for more information on the ambulatory clinic transfers can access a hotline at 613-549-6666, ext. 7600 or 1-800-567-5722, ext. 7600.

Hotel Dieu Hospital is the ambulatory care teaching and research hospital for Kingston and Southeastern Ontario, affiliated with Queen’s University. We provide expert care to more than 500,000 people in the region through specialized programs including pediatrics, medicine, ophthalmology, cardiology, surgery, mental health, oncology and urgent care. We deliver quality, safe health care,
while advancing innovative research and educating the health care professionals of the future. **Leading the transformation of ambulatory care**

L'Hôpital Hôtel-Dieu est l’établissement de soins ambulatoires universitaire pour Kingston et le Sud-Est de l'Ontario affilié à l’Université Queen's. Il fournit des soins spécialisés à plus de 500 000 personnes de la région. Parmi ses services spécialisés, mentionnons les services de pédiatrie, de médecine, d'ophtalmologie, de cardiologie, de chirurgies, de santé mentale, d'oncologie et de soins d'urgence. L'hôpital fournit des services de soins de santé sûrs et de qualité tout en menant des recherches novatrices et en formant les professionnels de la santé de demain. **Chef de file pour la transformation des soins ambulatoires**

Kingston General Hospital is a community of people dedicated to transforming the patient and family experience through innovative and collaborative approaches to care, knowledge and leadership. As southeastern Ontario’s leading centre for complex-acute and specialty care, and home to the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, KGH serves almost 500,000 people through its Kingston facility and 24 regional affiliate and satellite sites. Fully affiliated with Queen’s University, KGH is a research and teaching hospital which is home to 2,400 health-care students and 175 health researchers. KGH was ranked in 2011 as one of Canada’s Top 40 Research Hospitals by Research Infosource. To learn more, visit [www.kgh.on.ca](http://www.kgh.on.ca) or join the conversation at [www.kghconnect.ca](http://www.kghconnect.ca)

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