



Community Update:

Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre ED and MDR projects



Overview

- Approximately \$13 million is being spent on upgrades and renovations at the Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre including the Emergency Department (ED) and Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) unit.
- The Emergency Department upgrades include a complete redesign and renovation to enhance patient and staff experience and safety.
- Renovations to the ED include an increased number, and improved treatment spaces, a new waiting room, and washrooms accessible to everyone.
- MDR renovations will increase capacity in that unit, allowing for more devices and materials to be sterilized in less time. This, in turn, supports the surgical team.
- In support of the ED project, the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation launched the Give to Life – Emergency Care Campaign to help raise \$1.7 million to purchase new state-of-the-art ED equipment. For more information visit [Current Campaign – Wetaskiwin Health Foundation](#)



Construction update

Emergency Department

- The transition into the temporary ED space on the hospital’s main floor will take place June 17, with the temporary space to be fully operational as of 7 a.m. on June 18. This move will allow construction in the existing ED space to begin while care for patients continues uninterrupted.
- The temporary ED will not have a separate waiting area. Patients and family coming to the ED are asked to come to the hospital’s main entrance. They will share the hospital’s front foyer area with others who are visiting the facility.
- The roundabouts in front of the hospital will be divided into two lanes—one for ambulances and other emergency vehicles, and one for the public who are dropping off passengers. The change will occur as of June 10. These new lanes will be clearly marked by signs and dividers, and security staff will be present to assist.
- It will be important to keep the roundabout area clear once it has been divided into two lanes. Aside from briefly stopping to drop off a passenger and, if needed, assist them inside, vehicles should not stop or park inside the roundabout.



What’s to come

MDR

- Work on the MDR project is expected to be completed in late 2024.

Emergency Department

- Renovation work on the permanent ED is expected to be completed in 2025.



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