### THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING TO

# THE STOLLERY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AMBULATORY CLINIC EXPANSION





### **CRITICAL FOR CARE CAMPAIGN**

THE BIG PICTURE

In 2013, the Government of Alberta, along with Alberta Health Services, identified critical care expansion at the Stollery Children's Hospital as a funding priority. The government committed \$55.3 million to ensure quality care for neonatal and pediatric patients requiring life-support and intensive care. In addition, funds have been allocated for the major improvement and expansion of two vital components for patient care services at the Stollery: operative services and ambulatory care.

In order for these expansion projects to reach a higher degree of excellence in terms of programming, research and resources, the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation is raising an additional \$15 million to enhance these vital services and care spaces. The Foundation's Critical for Care campaign is fundraising through an integrated campaign to raise additional funds above and beyond the government's pledge.





## **Critical** for Care

Campaign

Ambulatory \$2.5 million

### **Project complete**

- With an average of 120,000 outpatient visits annually and growing, ambulatory care services are the most significant contributor to pediatric patient volume.
- Pediatric ambulatory care specialty and sub-specialty clinics serve as a hub for all inpatient, surgical and critical care at the Stollery.

## Anticipated project

- Overcrowding, insufficient space and diminished patient/family privacy are a reality in the ICU.
- The Stollery will redevelop three specialized units to enhance care for critically ill children.
- The number of pediatric treatment beds will increase to a minimum 48 beds, 16 per operating unit, with growth up to 57 beds.

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completion 2018

Critical Care Redevelopment \$5.5 million Operating Rooms \$7 million

#### Anticipated project completion 2015-16

- The Stollery Children's Hospital is the pediatric surgical referral centre for central and northern Alberta, and the cardiac surgery and organ transplant for most of western and northern Canada.
- Five-to-ten new operating rooms along with increased capacity in procedure and recovery rooms.

\$15 million 2013-2018



### THE STOLLERY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AMBULATORY CLINIC VITAL ENHANCEMENTS

Ambulatory care refers to health care consultations, treatments and/or procedures delivered on an outpatient basis. Pediatric ambulatory care specialty and subspecialty clinics are the entry point for managing care for children with chronic, complex, disabling and/or life-threatening conditions—ambulatory care is also the hub from which all other care (inpatient, surgical, critical care, etc.) is directed. Stollery patients—from infancy to adolescence—require years of regular consultation, diagnosis, treatment and care from a team of dedicated specialists, nurses and allied health professionals.

The Stollery Children's Hospital has grown significantly as a hospital and, as a result, the number of specialists required to treat patients in ambulatory clinics is continually growing. Prior to the clinic expansion, the hospital had stretched its resources and had maximized space utilization. The previous 5 specialty clinics open daily at the Ambulatory Clinic meant that all 14 exam rooms were being used at capacity. Physicians, nurses, faculty and trainees all competed for limited space to care for children. With more than 120,000 patient visits to the clinic each year, the need for revitalization was evident!



"This initiative will increase collaboration and communication among health care providers, which can only serve our patients better. I support any initiative that can streamline services and access, and puts patients and their families first." - Health Minister Stephen Mandel



### THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

The opening of the new Stollery Children's Hospital Ambulatory Clinic has allowed the Hospital to meet increasing demand for services and has greatly improved the quality of patient care. The upgraded facility brings more than 40 clinic services under one roof, enabling patients to see multiple specialists during a single visit.

Outpatient services available at the Ambulatory Clinic include allergy and immunization, ENT (ear, nose and throat), gastroenterology, pediatric infectious diseases, rheumatology, chronic pain, nephrology, neurology, hematology, and respirology services. A pulmonary function lab, home nutrition support program and oncology survivors clinic are also open, and two new rheumatologists and a new gastrointestinal physician have joined the clinic's roster.



A Clinical Investigations Unit—which will provide clinical services and research activities across a wide range of pediatric specialty practices—is scheduled to open in 2015.





The expansion of the Ambulatory Clinic has translated into improved efficiencies: higher capacity for interdisciplinary research and collaboration amongst health care teams; greater patient privacy; friendlier patient rooms; expansive waiting environments; and the latest in technology to better assess, diagnose and provide enhanced treatment. The ability to treat children in an expanded ambulatory



setting allows for an overall decrease in hospitalization and ensures that children are able to return to where they are most comfortable—at home with their families.



"The ambulatory clinics at the Stollery are extremely important in the delivery of comprehensive care to our patients and families. Many of our patients have multiple, complex needs and the ambulatory clinics offer a "one-stop shop" for families to see all the specialists and team members involved in the care of their child. This expanded space will help us to see the families in a timely manner in a facility that is suited to the needs of children and families." - Dr. Christine Kyriakides, Facility Medical Director, Stollery Children's Hospital



### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to your passion and generosity, patients and families at the Stollery have better access to outpatient treatments and services. This expansion will provide sufficient capacity for the clinic to manage an expected 30 per cent increase in patient volume over the next 10 years!

Your continued support of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation ensures that operational and integrated needs will be are addressed in relation to excellence in pediatric health care at the Stollery.



Thank you.