

## Scarborough hospitals to get \$12.5 million boost from 2017 Provincial Budget

*Ontario to increase hospital funding in Scarborough to reduce wait times and expand services*

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Ontario will invest an additional \$12.5 million in Scarborough hospitals, investments that will provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures, and improve the experience of patients:

- Scarborough and Rouge Hospital will see a \$11.3 million increase in funding
- Providence Healthcare will see a \$1.2 million increase in funding

These investments in Scarborough are a commitment made in the 2017 Budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario. These investments will:

- Provide more access to cardiac services, critical care, organ/tissue donations and transplants, rare disease care, and bariatric services, as well as support for new and redeveloped hospitals
- Improve access and reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs)
- Support service delivery by hospitals in high-growth communities, as well as small, medium, northern and rural hospitals, and mental health and stand-alone paediatric hospitals.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

### QUOTES

“This additional funding for Scarborough hospitals is incredibly important, as residents will see improved access to vital services like critical care, transplants, cardiovascular and elective surgeries. At all hospitals, budgets will grow and wait times will shrink. Ontario’s system of universal health care is the best illustration of our shared values of fairness, equality and compassion. These additional investments will ensure our world-class healthcare system continues to deliver the highest quality of care to every single resident.”

— *Brad Duguid, MPP for Scarborough Centre*

“Better access to health care in Scarborough is great news for families in our community. Increased funding for Scarborough and Rouge Hospital means earlier intervention, shorter wait times and improved access to crucial services such as cardiac, chemotherapy and diabetic care, resulting in an overall better experience for patients and their families in Scarborough-Guildwood and across the Province.”

— *Mitizie Hunter, MPP for Scarborough-Guildwood*

“Ontario already enjoys among the shortest wait times in Canada. This funding announcement means that the residents in our community of Pickering-Scarborough East will have even better

access to the care they need, where they need it and when they need it in order to improve health care outcomes.”

— *Tracy MacCharles, MPP for Pickering-Scarborough East*

“I am proud of our government’s commitment to healthcare funding as announced in our recent Ontario Budget 2017. Investing in healthcare will greatly support our community by providing quality front line health care services to meet patient care needs. I am especially pleased that Providence Healthcare which is located in my riding of Scarborough Southwest will be receiving a significant budget funding increase of 2 per cent to help support our residents to access quality and vital healthcare services.”

— *Lorenzo Berardinetti, MPP for Scarborough Southwest*

“Today’s hospital funding announcement supports the ongoing delivery of vital acute care services in our Scarborough sub-regions, as we continue to create an integrated service delivery network that includes primary care providers, inter-professional health care teams, hospitals, public health, mental health and addictions and home and community care to ensure a more seamless patient focused experience that is aligned with local needs.”

— *Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN*

“This is great news for Scarborough and Rouge Hospital. This new funding will help our hospital to meet the ever growing health care needs of our patients and their families.”

— *Andrée Robichaud, interim President and CEO of the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital*

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Each of Ontario’s 141 public hospitals will receive a minimum 2% increase to its base funding in 2017–18.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased more than 58%, from \$11.3 billion in 2003-04 to \$18 billion in 2017-18.
- Ontario’s health care budget will total \$53.8 billion in 2017–18 — a 3.8% increase from the previous year.
- Ontario also plans to invest an additional [\\$9 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure](#). About 34 hospital projects are now underway across the province.

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