

Mobile Cancer Radiation Unit Coming To Peterborough Hospital

McGuinty Government Improving Access To Cancer Care

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A new mobile radiation unit coming to Peterborough will provide patients with better access to cancer treatment, and the peace of mind of knowing the health care they need is closer to home.

Currently, Peterborough-area cancer patients receive radiation treatment in Oshawa at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. Once the new mobile radiation unit begins operating in Winter 2011/12, it will serve up to 400 patients a year in the Peterborough area. The new unit will also reduce wait times for area residents who need this much-needed service.

Today's announcement is part of the government's [Open Ontario Plan](#) to provide more access to health care services while improving quality and accountability for patients.

QUOTES

"This new mobile radiation unit is wonderful news for Peterborough-area patients. It not only reduces wait times for cancer treatment, but also it improves access to quality health care close to home. Patients will have greater peace of mind knowing that they will be able to receive treatment right in their own community."

– Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"I'm so proud of the dedication, professionalism and commitment of the staff and volunteers at Peterborough Regional Health Centre who are helping to enhance care in our community and making the hospital a health care leader in our region. This new mobile radiation unit is the direct result of your hard work and it's just the beginning of many great health stories to come."

- Jeff Leal, MPP Peterborough

"This radiation facility will greatly expand our cancer care capacity, and bring care closer to home for the residents of our region. We look forward to working with our partners in cancer care to treat up to 400 patients per year – many of whom would have previously had to travel to receive this potentially life-saving treatment."

- Ken Tremblay, President and CEO, Peterborough Regional Health Centre

"Today's announcement of the mobile radiation unit coming to Peterborough is possible because of the strong relationship between the Peterborough Regional Health Centre and the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre at Lakeridge Health. Regional cancer programs like Central East's are working to bring the best quality care for Ontarians as close to home as possible."

- Michael Sherar, President and CEO, Cancer Care Ontario

QUICK FACTS

- Forty-five per cent of males and 40 per cent of females in Ontario are likely to develop cancer in their lifetimes.
- A recent international study shows that, among 12 jurisdictions across six countries, Ontario is one of the top performers in cancer survival rates.
- There are 84 permanent and two mobile radiation units operating in Ontario.
- Wait times for cancer surgery provincially are down by 30 per cent since 2005.
- Wait times for cancer surgery at Peterborough Regional Health Centre are down by 52 per cent since 2005.

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