

MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

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York Central Hospital's Vaughan Satellite Dialysis Unit Background Information

The Vaughan Satellite Dialysis Unit of York Central Hospital's Regional Dialysis Program, located at 9401 Jane Street, will offer life-sustaining treatment for patients requiring dialysis. Patients referred to this unit are medically able to receive dialysis away from the hospital and will most likely find this location more convenient than the hospital in central Richmond Hill.

Once completed in the summer, the new Vaughan Satellite Dialysis Unit will consist of 33-station renal dialysis units, including a nephrology out-patient clinic.

The project is expected to cost \$10.55 million with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care providing a maximum capital grant of \$8.24 million. One-time funding for the dialysis-related furniture and equipment will be provided to the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) as part of the funding for the Vaughan Dialysis Satellite Unit.

"This is great news for patients with chronic kidney disease who live in the Vaughan area," said Barbara Gray, Manager of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program. "We've got close to 100 people who will now have access to services right in their area. Transportation and the time it takes are among the biggest obstacles faced by our patients."

Established at York Central Hospital in 1996, the York Region Dialysis Program operates 44 hemodialysis units within the Main Hospital Site and the Oak Ridges Medical Centre as well as providing Peritoneal Dialysis services and on-site Nephrology Clinics for Dialysis patients from across York Region. Since its inception, the program has grown steadily to meet the ever-increasing need for dialysis services.

Located in the heart of one of Canada's fastest growing urban areas, York Central Hospital is a 426-bed acute care hospital that serves more than 400,000 residents in Southwest York Region and beyond. York Central Hospital is nearing the completion of the construction on Phase One of a \$150 million major expansion and renovation project which will dramatically increase its ability to provide enhanced access to patient care services.

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