

# BACKGROUNDER

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#### ABBOTSFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Fraser Health's Abbotsford Regional Hospital will serve as an important regional referral hospital for 330,000 residents in the Fraser Valley and will provide 150,000 residents of Abbotsford with increased access to acute care, outpatient services, and health information. New or enhanced regional services that will reduce travel for specialized care include:

## **Emergency Department**

- Quadruple the size of the MSA Hospital emergency department
- Two critical care trauma bays
- New helipad for emergency transport of critical patients

### Surgery

 All nine operating rooms (including one dedicated to maternity) are capable of digital global broadcasting

### **Renal Dialysis**

• A new unit will reduce travel for kidney patients needing life-saving dialysis in hospital who would previously travel to Surrey or New Westminster

#### **Medical Imaging**

- New magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine first MRI in a hospital in the Fraser Valley reduces travel for outpatients and emergency patients who would previously travel to Surrey or New Westminster
- Two new state-of-the-art 64-slice computed tomography (CT) scanners

#### **Mental Health and Addictions**

- Twice the number of inpatient beds and almost twice the outpatient capacity
- A new adolescent psychiatry unit means earlier admission and quicker access to treatment for adolescents with challenging mental illnesses and is only the second such unit in the region

#### **Maternity**

• Large private rooms that are family-friendly labour, delivery and recovery rooms

#### **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**

• New capacity to care for high-risk newborns across the region

#### **Acute Care for Elders**

• A specially designed 14-bed unit to help elderly patients maintain a normal living routine during a short period of intensive rehabilitation

#### **Palliative Care**

• First tertiary palliative care unit in eastern Fraser Valley. Complements the community hospice at Mission Memorial Hospital

## **Ambulatory Care**

• Increased outpatient services, including new regional services such as a new breast health clinic, a partnership with the BC Cancer Agency

## **Health-care Professionals**

- Double the number of health-care professionals at MSA (800)
- Recruitment is on schedule. More than 75 per cent of Fraser Health's staffing needs for the new hospital are already filled

## **Increased Capacity**

Patient Beds	MSA	ARHCC	Full
	Hospital	Opening	Capacity
Surgical	36	40	46
Medical	72	80	80
Acute Care for Elders	0	14	14
Oncology	0	5	10
Palliative	0	10	10
Intensive Care Unit	10	7	10
ICU Stepdown	0	6	8
Cardiac Care Unit	0	6	8
Telemetry	12	14	16
Psychiatry	20	27	34
Adolescent Psychiatry	0	6	6
Maternity	18	24	28
Pediatrics	12	12	18
Neonatal Intensive Care	8	10	12
Unit			
Total	188	261	300

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