



## News Release

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### **New Emergency Department Opens July 8 at The Scarborough Hospital**

*The move takes place when Emergency volume is traditionally lower*

Following decades of planning and three years of construction, The Scarborough Hospital's new Emergency Department at the General campus will open for business in the early hours of July 8, 2009.

The entire department will move from its old location on the east side of the hospital at the corner of McCowan Road and Lawrence Avenue to a new \$72 million Emergency and Critical Care Centre in the West Wing. Patients in the old Emergency Department who are deemed stable will begin to be moved to the Emergency Department starting around 3:00 a.m. on July 8.

At that time, the exterior Emergency Department sign at the old location will be switched off and the sign in the new location will turn on. Entry to the old Emergency Department entrance will be closed.

Coordination between the hospital and EMS dispatch, the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Fire Department will ensure that Emergency patients are transported to the new Emergency entrance on Lawrence Avenue where more space is allocated under the canopy for ambulance vehicles.

**As of approximately 4:00 a.m., walk-in access to the Emergency Department will be through the West Wing entrance, opposite the parking garage on the hospital's west side. Vehicles may access the parking garage or the Emergency Department drop-off circle via the hospital's west driveway off Lawrence Avenue East.**

Senior Emergency staff and physicians will be present to ensure a smooth transition, and extra nursing staff and porters are scheduled to assist in patient transfers between the old and new Emergency Departments.

The new Emergency Department space is roughly three times larger than the old location, and includes two triage stations, five separate care zones, new infection control and isolation protocols, state-of-the-art equipment and private examination rooms.

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