



## NEWS

### **Changes to Main Entrance and Public Parking at the Saint John Regional Hospital**

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**October 15, 2008** - Next Tuesday, October 21, the main entrance to the Saint John Regional Hospital will change. The main entrance will now be located at the back of the hospital, off University Avenue, and the public parking will be located directly outside this entrance.

These changes are a result of ongoing construction activities to the Emergency Department and Oncology Department. "We are making significant changes to serve our public better," explained Margaret Melanson, Executive Director for Zone 2 Hospitals in Regional Health Authority B. "Ultimately we are improving access to patient care, by expanding our Emergency Department and adding space for two new linear accelerators for cancer care."

The most convenient access to the new main hospital entrance is from University Avenue, not Tucker Park Road. The public is asked to watch for new signage as they enter the hospital site and allow extra time to park and access the hospital.

Although the main entrance will be located on Level 0, most patients will still need to proceed to the Level 1 lobby to register.

"We are working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible for our public as well as our staff," said Melanson. "We have an information kiosk and volunteer station set up in the new main entrance. We also have people ready to help direct our public to where they need to go. Look for the people wearing brightly coloured "Ask Me" t-shirts, they will be able to help."

Way finding information sheets and maps have also been developed to help guide people through the changes. "Our volunteers and staff will be handing out information sheets and will be ready to answer questions and escort people. We are really focusing on ensuring we have the tools in place to make the transition as easy as possible for people."

Melanson added "we want to thank our patients and visitors for their continued cooperation and understanding as we proceed through construction activities."

If members of the public have questions or concerns, they are invited to leave a message on the toll-free information line, 1-800-939-9090.

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