

# Villa Caritas Family Update

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**Change in patient transfer date**—For the past several weeks, the Villa Caritas planning teams have been putting the final pieces in place for the transfer of the Geriatric Psychiatry Program to Covenant Health. While this is proceeding well, there have been construction delays that will not make it possible to move all patients to Villa Caritas before the Christmas holidays.

**As a result, we have revised the date for the transfer of patients from Alberta Hospital Edmonton to Villa Caritas to begin on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.** The transfer of all 106 patients will take approximately three weeks.

## What has caused the delay?

Construction delays have impacted building readiness—the building will be ready in mid-December instead of November 30.

Our top priority is to provide a safe, supportive environment for patients and staff.

Since we will not be able to move all patients to Villa Caritas before Christmas, we decided to minimize disruption to patients, families and staff by waiting until after the Christmas holidays.

We apologize for any difficulties this change may cause you.

## When will I know what day in January my loved one will be moved to Villa Caritas?

The Geriatric Psychiatry Office will let you know when your loved one is scheduled to move to Villa Caritas. It will take approximately three weeks to move all Geriatric Psychiatry Program patients.

## Will there be an opportunity to tour Villa Caritas prior to my loved one moving?

Yes. With the facility opening on January 5, 2011, there will be an opportunity for family tours towards the end of December. The Geriatric Psychiatry Office will be coordinating the tours and will notify you as soon as dates and times are confirmed.

If you have any questions about Villa Caritas or the transition, please contact Gail Tricker, Patient Care Manager, at 780.342.5385.

Check out the Villa Caritas video on-line at [www.CovenantHealth.ca](http://www.CovenantHealth.ca)

