

Two new state-of-the-art hybrid operating rooms open at Grey Nuns Community Hospital

Cutting edge technology puts Northern Alberta Vascular Centre at forefront of vascular surgery

Edmonton – Media are invited to attend the opening of two endovascular hybrid operating rooms. The suites provide greater flexibility and less x-ray exposure for patients and staff. The exceptional imaging allows surgeons to perform procedures more accurately and take on more complex cases.

The ribbon-cutting for the new operating rooms will be held on Vascular Health Day. Media are invited for a guided tour of the state-of-the-art operating suites that will be set up for a mock surgery.

The [Northern Alberta Vascular Centre](#) is located at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital. It is home to some of the top vascular surgeons in North America and performs more than 2,300 surgeries yearly.

Date: Friday, September 21, 2018

Time: 9:30 – formal program, including greetings from Minister Christina Gray
10:30 – ribbon-cutting and media tours of the new operating rooms

Location: Grey Nuns Community Hospital (1100 Youville Dr W Northwest)

Speakers: The Honourable Christina Gray, Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal and MLA for Edmonton-Mill Woods
Dr. Owen Heisler, Chief Medical Officer, Covenant Health
Tracy Sopkow, CEO, Covenant Foundation
Trevor Small, Senior Director of Operations, NAVC

Operating Room guides: Bryana Hahn, Unit Manager of the Operating Room, NAVC
Jackie Campbell, Assistant Head Nurse, NAVC
Dr. Gerrit Winkelaar, Head of Vascular Surgery, NAVC
Dr. Karim Alibhai, Vascular Surgeon, NAVC
Dr. Robert Turnbull, Vascular Surgeon, NAVC

Media are asked to meet at the front entrance of the Grey Nuns Community Hospital at 9:15 a.m. where a communications representative will bring you to the formal program.

Note: Construction is taking place along the 66 street corridor from 28 Avenue to 41 Avenue. You can access the facility along 28 Ave to Youville Drive West NW. Media with marked vehicles can park in public parking for free for the duration of the event.

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