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New Emergency Department at Georgetown Hospital Now Open

HALTON HILLS – After nearly one year of construction the new Emergency Department (ED) at Georgetown Hospital (GH) opened on Wednesday, October 9. As staff, physicians and volunteers spent the day transitioning to the new space it was ‘business as usual’ for the patients and visitors as the first patient to the new ED was welcomed at 7:00 am sharp.

Planning for the move began several months in advance and involved staff from almost every hospital department. A comprehensive move plan that mapped out all of the day’s activities ensured everyone involved in the move knew exactly what was happening and when.

“It was really a group effort. We all came together to make this happen,” said Cindy McDonell, Chief Operating Officer at Georgetown Hospital. “I want to thank the entire Hospital team for all their hard work, not only during the move but throughout the many weeks leading up to the big day.”

At 14,000 sq. ft. the new Emergency Department provides modern clinical space to accommodate more than 32,000 annual visits. Features of the new department include: a separate main entrance for patients and visitors; enclosed individual treatment rooms for increased privacy and comfort; a specialized treatment room designed and equipped for the care of infants and young children; and, a separate and distinct area, referred to as the Rapid Assessment and Fast Track (RAFT), for the treatment of lower acuity patients.

“This is a very exciting day for everyone at Georgetown Hospital,” said Dr. Justin Busse, Medical Director of the GH Emergency Department. “It’s been a very busy day so far and the response from everyone has been very positive. We now have the additional space, technology and tools to support us as we continue to provide our patients with the best care possible.”

Patients coming to the Georgetown Hospital for emergency services should now enter at the south end of the building through the doors marked Emergency.

“Now that we have moved into our new space we are looking forward to the project’s next major milestone which is the installation and start-up of the Hospital’s first CT scanner,” concluded Ms. McDonell. “There is still some construction work to be done to prepare the space before the scanner is delivered. Following the testing of the equipment and training the staff we anticipate that we will be ready to start scanning patients at the end of November.”

With the Emergency Department fully relocated to its new space construction work will begin renovating the old ED space to allow for the expansion of the Hospital's Diagnostic Imaging Department.

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