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## **New Hospital Open: *Patient Move goes off without a hitch***

Peterborough – Beginning at 7am, and with a patient moved every two minutes thereafter, the new Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) has completed an historic day.

By mid-afternoon, 220 patients from both sites had been transferred to the new hospital. The first patient through the doors was three-week-old Kaydance Lane. Her arrival into the new hospital foyer was marked with much staff fanfare, as was the first birth at the new hospital – baby Navaeh Courneyea who arrived at 12:31pm.

The patients and staff are now settling into their new surroundings and, having had breakfast at the previous sites, will have dinner at the new hospital.

The new PRHC is open. The two old sites—Hospital Drive Site and Rogers Street Site (the former Civic and St. Joseph’s hospitals)—are now closed. All future patient care and hospital business will be conducted at the new hospital.

The Rogers Street Site is up for sale. The Hospital Drive Site will be demolished in the coming months.

The new Emergency department opened its doors for patients at 6am this morning, and has had a steady flow of patient traffic all day. The last patient at the old Emergency Department arrived just before 6 a.m. while the first patient at the new Emergency Department arrived at approximately 6:35 a.m.

“I’d like to thank our move team, lead by Peterborough’s own Health Care Relocations, for their efforts in making this day go so smoothly,” said Paul Darby, President and CEO of PRHC. “Almost two years of planning has paid off. Today begins a new chapter of health care for this region. Thanks go to our staff, physicians and volunteers for showing such dedication, hard work and enthusiasm today.”

### **Contacting and Visiting the New Hospital**

The address and telephone numbers of the hospital will not change. The main number is (705) 743-2121. Regular visiting hours, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., resume tomorrow, June, 9, 2008. Public entrances will be open from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. After hours, please enter through the Emergency Department and register at Security.

### **About the New Hospital**

The new hospital is a stunning 715,000 square-foot facility that will serve patients and their families in the region for generations to come. It’s a major milestone for our community and it’s the culmination of more than a decade of commitment, dedication and diligence.

For more information, visit our new website: [www.prhc.on.ca](http://www.prhc.on.ca)

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