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# NEWS

## **William Osler Health System to Receive \$10.2 Million Boost From 2017 Provincial Budget**

*Ontario to Increase Hospital Funding in Communities across the Central West  
LHIN to Reduce Wait Times and Expand Services*

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Ontario will invest an additional \$10.2 million in William Osler Health System that would provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures, and improve the experience of patients.

This investment in communities across the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is part of a 3.1 per cent increase in hospital funding proposed in the 2017 Budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario, and would:

- Provide more access to cardiac services, critical care, organ/tissue donations and transplants, rare disease care, and bariatric services, as well as support for new and redeveloped hospitals
- Improve access and reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs)
- Support service delivery by hospitals in high-growth communities, as well as small, medium, northern and rural hospitals, and mental health and stand-alone paediatric hospitals.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

### **QUOTES**

“By increasing our investment to each and every publicly funded hospital in Ontario, patients will be able to connect with specialists faster, have reduced wait times and better access to the procedures they need close to home.”

- Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“This investment in William Osler Health System services will help to alleviate the unprecedented rate of growth in patient volumes in Brampton. It will increase access and reduce wait times for hip & knee replacements, Endovascular Treatment for stroke, chemotherapy and MRI. Our government is taking action to provide families with the best possible health care by improving access and enhancing the patient experience.”

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“Health Care continues to be one of the important issues for my constituents in Etobicoke Centre. I am pleased that the additional funding to William Osler Health System will help to ensure quality, consistent and accessible health care.”

- Yvan Baker, MPP, Etobicoke Centre

“Expected to surpass one million over the next eight years, the Central West LHIN population continues to grow and age at a rates that far surpass provincial averages; rates that have placed – and continue to place - significant pressure on the local health care system. Today’s funding announcement recognizes the ongoing and increasing health care needs of a rapidly growing and aging population, by helping William Osler Health System to preserve its core services, while improving access to the high quality care patients deserve and expect.”

- Maria Britto, Chair, Central West LHIN Board of Directors

“Osler welcomes the funding announced today, and appreciates the much-needed investment in the health of our community. We will continue to work with our partners at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Central West LHIN to continue to provide the most-needed services to our community, close to home.”

- Vanita Varma, Chair, William Osler Health System

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Each of Ontario’s 141 public hospitals will receive a minimum 2 per cent increase to its base funding in 2017–18.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased more than 58 per cent, from \$11.3 billion in 2003-04 to \$18 billion in 2017-18.
- Ontario’s health care budget will total \$53.8 billion in 2017–18 — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- Ontario also plans to invest an additional [\\$9 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure](#). About 34 hospital projects are now underway across the province.

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