

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Work begins on game-changing centre for patient-oriented research

**July 12, 2016 - Kingston, ON** – Construction is officially underway on the W.J. Henderson Centre for Patient-Oriented Research at Kingston General Hospital. Work on the 9,000 square-foot discovery hub in the hospital's Connell wing began as representatives of the W.J. Henderson Foundation, which pledged \$1 million to the project, along with other donors, took ceremonial sledgehammer swings at the walls of the space to be renovated.

“The creation of the W.J. Henderson Centre for Patient-Oriented Research will be a game-changer for research in our region,” says Dr. Roger Deeley, Vice President of Health Sciences Research at KGH, and President of the KGH Research Institute. “It will enable the development of new treatments and treatment guidelines, as well as new diagnostic tests and procedures, which will ultimately result in improved patient care within Kingston and beyond.”

The W.J. Henderson Centre for Patient-Oriented Research will increase hospital-based research space in the city by 25 per cent and earns KGH a position among the top research hospitals in the country.

When complete, the facility will boast six research labs to be used by multiple research teams along with facilities to carry out patient studies, clinical trials and a biohazard Level 2 tissue preparation area. Construction is expected to be finished by the summer of 2017.

“We were privileged to have over 150 donors contribute to this innovative facility,” says Denise Cumming, President and CEO of the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF). “It's clear that the Kingston community recognizes the importance of clinical research and was willing to make the Centre for Patient-Oriented Research a reality.”

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