

Patients in new wing at Trillium



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Maria Goulart watches as Trillium Health Centre nurses, Barbara Harvey RN, and Lauren Berry, a Trent University nursing student, check the blood pressure of her husband, Manuel Goulart, of Mississauga, in one of the new patient rooms. Goulart was the first patient moved into the Orthopedics Unit of the new inpatient wing yesterday.

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March 12, 2009 02:40 PM - The first patients have been moved into Trillium Health Centre's new \$100-million wing in Mississauga.

Occupancy of the 190-bed inpatient facility began on Wednesday and will continue in phases. The first patients to be moved were those from the orthopedics and rehabilitation units at Trillium's Mississauga site.

Hospital officials say the new wing features large windows for natural, healing light in every room, more space for family and visitors and barrier-free accessibility. Wheelchair-accessible showers are in every patient room.

Preventing the spread of infection is a factor also taken into consideration with the new facility, officials say. It features 50 per cent private patient rooms, handwashing sinks for

staff and visitors in every room, seamless surfaces, mold-resistant building materials and bacteria-resistant countertops.

The environmentally conscious structure is outfitted with energy efficient windows and lighting fixtures and radiant ceiling heat, which can provide significant savings by allowing only occupied areas to be heated.

Trillium president and CEO Janet Davidson is confident the new wing will be an example to hospitals everywhere of how to improve patient experience and outcomes.

"From safety and environmental features to accessibility and staff mobility, the new wing showcases everything Trillium has learned about imaginative, cost-effective, patient-friendly design," she said. "We hope to inspire hospital planners and architects everywhere."

Scott Campbell, chair of Trillium's board of directors, described the opening of the wing as a day of celebration.

"Having the first patients receiving care in this impressive new wing is the realization of the hard work, dedication and vision of many people," he said.