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### CRITICAL CARE TOWER AT SMH

The Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) critical care tower and renovations will see a new state-of-the-art tower constructed on the hospital site, as well as renovations to parts of the existing hospital. The project will add 151 new beds and approximately 25,000 sq. metres (274,000 sq. feet) of new construction, and will include:

New critical care tower:

- A new emergency department and perinatal centre on the first two floors:
  - The emergency department will be almost five times the size of the existing one, and will feature a separate pediatric ER and dedicated mental health unit, plus a “fast track” minor treatment unit and major trauma area.
  - A total of 48 NICU beds, including 28 new and 16 net new (12 NICU beds will be relocated from Royal Columbian Hospital, as specialized, intensive care neonatal services become centralized at SMH).
- Three additional floors above the ER and perinatal centre, to accommodate:
  - 85 new inpatient beds, including 20 high dependency beds and 25 adult ICU beds (15 of which will be relocated from the old ICU space).
  - Additional academic space, which, when complete, will become part of FH’s clinical academic campus, working in conjunction with Royal Columbian Hospital to provide additional post-graduate medical training at a satellite campus of the provincial medical school.
  - Rooftop helipad.
- Two additional underground floors, which will accommodate a new and expanded laboratory and underground parking (350 stalls).

Renovations on portions of the existing hospital:

- Renovations to the old ICU space to provide an additional 15 inpatient beds.
- An expanded family birthing unit/maternity ward, which will add 13 new obstetrics beds, birthing rooms and a second maternal operating room.
- Additional space for ER administrative and support services space.
- An expanded pharmacy services department, data centre, and sterile processing unit.
- Expanded main entrance services, to include information services, security services and volunteer resources.

Total new beds for SMH: 151

- 80 medical/surgical.
- 28 NICU (16 net new).
- 20 high-dependency.
- 13 obstetric.
- 10 ICU.

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