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### THE GORDON AND LESLIE DIAMOND HEALTH CARE CENTRE

#### Highlights of the New Facility

- With construction started just over two years ago, the Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre is an 11-storey, 365,000 square-foot health-care facility on the site of Vancouver General Hospital (VGH).
- It offers unprecedented patient access and convenience by bringing together under one roof 40 hospital clinics and programs, nine UBC Faculty of Medicine programs, 195 physician offices, and more than 1,000 staff, researchers and students.
- The centre co-ordinates VGH's walk-in patient care services – including specialty clinics, along with medical education, physician teaching clinics and research – and will enhance patient care, access and scheduling by allowing easier co-ordination of multiple specialist visits, clinic visits and diagnostic testing for patients.
- Some of the clinics and services housed in the centre include: Radiology and Laboratory Services, Geriatric Medicine, Cardiac Rehab, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Orthopedics (Trauma and Reconstruction), Diagnostic Cardiology, Neurology, Psychiatry, Solid Organ Transplant, and Urology.
- VCH is the major tenant in the building. The commercial or retail space leased includes a pharmacy and food outlets – less than five per cent of the total space – that support the patient care and academic focus of the building.
- Roughly half of the 268,000 square feet leased to VCH will be home to the University of British Columbia (UBC) Faculty of Medicine and will include a medical library, 257-seat lecture theatre, teaching space and conference rooms, enabling UBC students to gain increased interaction between academics, researchers and practising clinicians.

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