



Hamilton Health Sciences

Hamilton's Health Care Options Change On April 4, 2011

- **Emergency at McMaster becomes children's-only**
- **West end Urgent Care Centre for all ages opens**

In 2008, Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) introduced 'Access to the Best Care' (ABC), a plan designed to ensure a sustainable health system that will better co-ordinate high quality, specialized care for local and regional patients.

On April 4, 2011, some of the final elements of this plan are being implemented. Beginning at 8 a.m. that day, the **McMaster University Medical Centre Emergency Department will become a children's-only service for kids and youth 17 and under.** Ours is one of the last regions in Canada without a dedicated children's Emergency Department. This is something the 600,000 children who live in this region need and deserve. Adults can continue to use the Emergency Departments at Hamilton General Hospital, Juravinski Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.

Also on April 4, the adult inpatient beds (with the exception of obstetrics) will move out of McMaster University Medical Centre to Juravinski Hospital, Hamilton General Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare. This will enable the **consolidation of adult inpatient services at fewer locations and therefore make better use of health care resources** – especially the medical specialists who are doing their best to meet rising demands for their services.

Emergency care and urgent care are vital services in any community. After April 4, 2011, the people of Hamilton and the surrounding region will have one more option. **An Urgent Care Centre will open on Main Street West**, just west of the 403. It will serve adults and children who have non-life-threatening illnesses or injuries – the same service that is already provided to people in east Hamilton by St. Joseph's Urgent Care Centre on King Street East.



Where should you go for care after April 4, 2011?

Children 17 and under:

McMaster Children's Hospital Emergency Department *NEW
1200 Main St. West, Hamilton, L8N 3Z5
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Anyone with *non-life-threatening* illness or injury:

Main Street West Urgent Care Centre *NEW
690 Main Street West, Hamilton, L8S 1A4
Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
7 days a week

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's Urgent Care Centre
2757 King Street East, Stoney Creek, L8G 5E4
Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
7 days a week

Anyone with *life-threatening* illness or injury

Call 9-1-1 or go to:

Hamilton General Hospital
237 Barton St. East, Hamilton, L8L 2X2

Juravinski Hospital
711 Concession St., Hamilton, L8V 1C3

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
50 Charlton Ave. East, Hamilton, L8N 4A6

