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More Critical Care For Ontario Newborns

Ajax-Pickering Hospital Gets Additional Neonatal Intensive Care Beds

NEWS

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Ontario is adding 2 neonatal intensive care beds at Ajax-Pickering Hospital and 2 at Lakeridge Oshawa Hospital to ensure more newborns can get better access to intensive care closer to home.

Within the Central East LHIN boundaries, these 4 additional beds are for babies that are born prematurely or at term with special medical needs and who require critical care. Ontario is adding 43 beds province-wide.

These new neonatal beds will help Durham Region, and all of Ontario enhance maternal and neonatal care across the province and ensure that more moms and babies have access to this essential health care service.

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"It's crucial that we give Ontario's most vulnerable babies the critical care supports they need to get better, faster. We want them to be at home with their parents, not in hospital." Said Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"The Central East LHIN had identified in the Clinical Services Plan that local access to Level 2 neonatal intensive care would continue to be a challenge in Durham Region," said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN. "The addition of four new neonatal intensive care beds not only improves local access but enhances the level of care at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering as it moves from a Level I program to a Level II NICU."

"A newborn deserves the loving care of his or her mother at home - the sooner the better," said Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson. "This new investment ensures that our hospitals are able to provide additional advanced care to newborns, closer to home."

QUICK FACTS

- Ajax-Pickering Hospital now has 6 beds in their neonatal intensive care unit.
- Oshawa Hospital now has 11 beds in their neonatal intensive care unit.
- Ajax-Pickering Hospital provides health services for approximately 1,580 newborn deliveries every year.
- Oshawa Hospital provides health services for approximately 3,300 newborn deliveries every year.
- There are currently 687 neonatal intensive care beds across Ontario.

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Visit www.rougevalley.ca and www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca for more information on programs and services at each hospital.

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