



An architect's rendering of the proposed east entrance at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital.

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Redevelopment of Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering

The challenges of providing excellent healthcare for the rapidly-growing and aging communities of west Durham have made the redevelopment of Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital a necessity. At present, our hospital is undersized to care for the population in our catchment area—for instance, our Emergency department staff and physicians now care for 45,000 patients a year in a space designed for 20,000.

Meeting the growing needs of our community is a top priority, and our redevelopment plans will include:

- A brand new Emergency department will provide space for an anticipated 60,000 patient visits a year. A special area to treat patients who may have come in contact with dangerous chemicals is also part of the design. This area will serve to support the Pickering Nuclear Power Plant as well. Ambulances will access the Emergency Department via a new road and through a new 4-bay vehicle entrance.

- A renovated and better designed Diagnostic Imaging and Cardiac Diagnostic area will improve access and provide more privacy for patients and their families. Major donations from the Auxiliary to Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering Health Centre and Ontario Power Generation have already enabled the hospital to purchase a new CT Scanner (which has recently been upgraded with federal funds) and equip a Nuclear Medicine Suite. Additional equipment will be installed in the new space and cardiac education will be enhanced.

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The new north west wing will include the Emergency department, Fracture Clinic, and Complex Continuing Care Unit.

- An expanded Mental Health unit will accommodate nine more beds within the adult inpatient area, including seven beds for psychiatric intensive care, and services will be expanded for outpatients including day treatment, day hospital, crisis assessment and consultation services.
- A new 30-bed Complex Continuing Care Unit will allow the hospital to care for patients who are transitioning from acute hospital care to long term care or home care.
- A renovated Ambulatory Care Unit will provide space for expanded outpatient clinic visits, outpatient procedures, medical day care and pre-admit visits. In addition, a new Fracture Clinic will be constructed adjacent to the Diagnostic Imaging and Emergency departments.



A new cafeteria will give patients, family members, physicians and staff a bright, sunlit eating area.

- A new Laboratory will be built in renovated space and services will continue to be provided for inpatients and outpatients.
- A new Cafeteria will be built on the ground level to allow easy access for patients, staff and visitors.
- The new East Entrance will house a new Auxillary Gift Shop, a Volunteer Information Desk, a redesigned admitting department and the senior administrative offices. Public washrooms will ensure barrier-free accessibility and facilities for new mothers.
- The new West Entrance will house a new main security department, a Volunteer Information Desk, barrier free washrooms and facilities for new moms.



Designed to be wheelchair accessible, the east entrance will be the main point of entry for patients and visitors to Diagnostic Imaging, Cardiac Diagnostics, the Ambulatory Care Unit and admitting.

In addition to these additions and renovations, RVAP will see the creation of proper loading docks to receive food, linen, supplies and couriers. Large trucks will have a dedicated space to ensure adequate separation from public parking facilities. This area will also warm the food trays for distribution to our inpatients. Two other areas originally included in the project have already been completed—our Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit and Pharmacy renovation and expansion.

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