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Edmonton universities open innovative teaching clinic

Edmonton – MacEwan University and the Department of Family Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta have collaborated to establish the MacEwan University Health Centre (MUHC). Designed as a community clinic, the centre will also be the home for health care services for MacEwan University students, faculty and staff. The project, the first clinical-education facility of its kind in the province, is supported by Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services and Alberta Advanced Education.

“We are pleased about the collaborative partnership that helped create the MUHC,” says Deborah Saucier, president, MacEwan University. “All the organizations involved worked together and shared resources to create a new, innovative model for healthcare for both the MacEwan University community and the neighborhoods that surround us. The centre is a perfect illustration of MacEwan’s commitment to serving our community.”

In addition to providing healthcare services to the MacEwan community, the centre will eventually provide practicum and work-experience opportunities for MacEwan students in disciplines including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

“This partnership will provide state-of-the-art advanced primary care to a wide range of patients, while also training nurses, doctors, medical assistants and other members of the health care team for the future of primary care around the province,” said Dr. Lee Green, chair, Department of Family Medicine, University of Alberta.

The project is based on an innovative “medical home” model that provides the patient one-stop access to a wide variety of health care professionals. The MUHC will feature primary care teams led by senior providers supported by primary care nurses, medical assistants and mental health professionals. The teams are supported by a full range of allied health disciplines including dieticians, pharmacists and referral screening coordinators. The multi-disciplinary teams of clinicians situated in one location will provide comprehensive physical and mental healthcare, including disease prevention, health promotion, acute care and chronic care.

The “medical home” concept is the vision for the future of family practice both provincially and nationally, a vision that every family practice would provide comprehensive, coordinated and continuous care through a dedicated family physician and their team. Care will be coordinated across all facets of the Alberta health care system, including linkages to hospital emergency departments, social services agencies, research institutions and Indigenous health organizations.

Located on the northeast corner of 105 avenue and 109 street, the facility features mental health consultation rooms, a family consultation room and 21 exam rooms.

Media are invited to the official grand opening: Thursday, September 27
MacEwan University Health Centre: 10507-109 Street
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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