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ADDITIONAL QUOTES FROM HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS

“The new funding in this year’s provincial budget will go a long way to ensuring our cardiac services keep up with Manitoba’s growing population and advancing medical standards. These investments are also essential to recruiting and retaining cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, ensuring these specialists have the equipment and resources they need to deliver exceptional cardiac care to the whole province.” — Dr. Nichelle Desilets, president, Doctors Manitoba

“Cardiac teams at St. Boniface have been working under significant pressure, with growing demand and limited capacity affecting how quickly patients can access heart care. These investments address some of the most urgent gaps by expanding capacity, improving access to procedures and strengthening how patients move through the system. Together with the establishment of Heart Care Manitoba, this work lays the foundation for more co-ordinated, equitable cardiac care across the province.” — Dr. Anita Soni, cardiologist and cardiac sciences medical specialty lead, St. Boniface Hospital

“Every day, our teams are working to get patients the care they need as quickly and safely as possible. These investments will help us move patients through the system more effectively, support our staff and improve the experience for the people who rely on us.” — Nicole Aminot, president and CEO, St. Boniface Hospital

“Improving access to cardiac care is critical to ensuring Manitobans receive the right care at the right time, no matter where they live. These investments strengthen cardiac services, improve access to specialized care and support a more connected and responsive health-care system in service of patients and families.” — Dr. Chris Christodoulou, interim CEO, Shared Health