
**HEALTH-CARE INVESTMENTS
FOR THE BRANDON AREA**

Built in 1959, the Brandon Regional Health Centre has over 300 beds and provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services.

The Western Manitoba Cancer Centre was built in 2010 and serves approximately 400 new cancer patients per year on an outpatient basis. The facility's expanded footprint and new radiation therapy equipment, expected to be in place in 2023, will sustain radiotherapy services into the future for residents in Brandon the surrounding catchment area.

Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan will guide improvements to access, quality and patient outcomes for all Manitobans. Developed with the extensive input of health-care professionals, communities and members of the public, the plan represents the first time that clinical providers have contributed to a provincial plan that will meet the unique needs of Manitoba communities. An important component of this work is collaborative and meaningful engagement with Indigenous leaders, communities and health experts across Manitoba, to ensure the province builds an equitable and culturally safe health system that is accessible, and responds to the needs and priorities to all Manitobans.

The plan uses resources in smarter and more modern ways, using a network of hubs that are staffed and equipped to meet the needs of Manitoba patients. Because of these investments, Manitobans will:

- wait less, with improved access to specialized services, mental health supports, care for chronic illnesses;
- travel less, with virtual appointments to many health-care providers;
- know where to go for care, with reliable access to high-quality care closer to home; and
- have quick and reliable access to life-saving care in an emergency.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several initiatives included in the plan were accelerated in order to support better care for Manitobans through expanded virtual care, secure online portals for test results and immunization information, and a provincial approach to increasing surgical and critical-care capacity.