

UBC Hospital Renewal

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When: April 27 (12 to 1 pm)
Where: McLeod Boardroom,
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Sandy Strelieff and Albert Csapo stand next to one of the new high-efficiency cube storage systems in UBC Hospital's Medical Device Reprocessing Department.

Upgrades behind the scenes enable UBC Hospital to conduct more complex surgeries

UBC Hospital is expanding its surgical capacity. Starting in January, the hospital added orthopedic revisions and – for the first time ever – neurosurgery cases to its slate.

“The acuity of surgical patients is increasing,” says Sandy Strelieff, patient services manager of the ORs and PACU at the time of transition. “To care for more complex patients, staff showed tremendous initiative and commitment.”

From pre-op to post-op, care staff prepared to welcome new patients, but what staff accomplished behind the scenes in just two short months was just as critical.

New storage, including a freezer for bone and tissue, in the OR equipment area were installed. Upgrades in the Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD) are even more impressive. To accommodate an additional 80 containers' worth of instruments, MDRD boasts new instrument washers, a new state-of-the-art cart washer, a new instrument sterilizer and new high-efficiency cube storage units. MDRD staff took on extra shifts to inventory and learn new and more complex processes for sterilizing many new instruments.

“With these upgrades UBC Hospital has what it needs to process 30 per cent more instruments, including extremely sensitive instruments for neurosurgery,” says Albert Csapo, MDRD manager. “More importantly, we also have a team who's been nothing short of fantastic in adapting to the hospital's growing importance as a surgical site.”

“Staff should be immensely proud of what we've achieved.”

Albert Csapo

DID YOU KNOW?

UBCH made history on January 17 when the hospital's first neurosurgery case was performed.

Check out [VCH News-Vancouver](#) and meet the patient who's benefitting from his life-altering surgery.



Making neurosurgical history at UBCH: Dr. Honey and team in the OR, prepared to implant an electrode into Ray Warner's brain. Meet Ray in [VCH News-Vancouver](#).

Construction progresses as planned

Spiritual Care Services – Designed for everyone on the UBC Hospital campus, the new Chapel (Sacred Space) in Purdy Pavilion's lobby is built. Chaplain Audrey Wong will move into an adjoining office in February. The larger and brighter space for worship, reflection and meditation opens in March.

Sleep Disorders Clinic & Lab – Construction of our new and expanded dual-purpose clinic/lab is underway and remains on schedule for completion this spring.

Inpatient units – We've upgraded our renovation plans for all existing inpatient washrooms on the first and second floors of Koerner Pavilion. Our new plans will ensure all inpatient washrooms are accessible for non-ambulatory patients and a subset of these washrooms will be fully wheelchair accessible.

To provide larger, accessible inpatient washrooms, inpatient showers will be relocated. We'll build 8 wheelchair-accessible showers over the first (4 showers) and second (4 showers) floors. This way, we can provide all inpatients accessible washrooms and shower facilities, a safer solution for patients and the staff who care for them. Floor plans reflecting these upgrades will be complete in February.