



## *Mount Saint Joseph Hospital*

How you want to be treated.



Your Community—Your Hospital—serving your healthcare needs for over 80 years

## A Tradition of Compassionate Care and Healing

At Providence's Mount Saint Joseph Hospital we know how you want to be treated with compassion, respect and dignity. We serve in the tradition of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who founded the hospital in 1921.



# As Your Community Changes — So Does Your Hospital

The hospital first served as a refuge for sick and disadvantaged immigrants, particularly the Chinese.

We're proud to continue that legacy with a multicultural approach to service delivery, clinical programs and community services.

And we're proud that over the past year we've improved and added more services to meet your needs.

To serve your community, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital offers a range of services to fit local needs.

Serving the elderly in your community is a priority for Providence, with programs such as the geriatric day hospital, geriatric medicine and psychiatry and geriatric outpatient clinics.

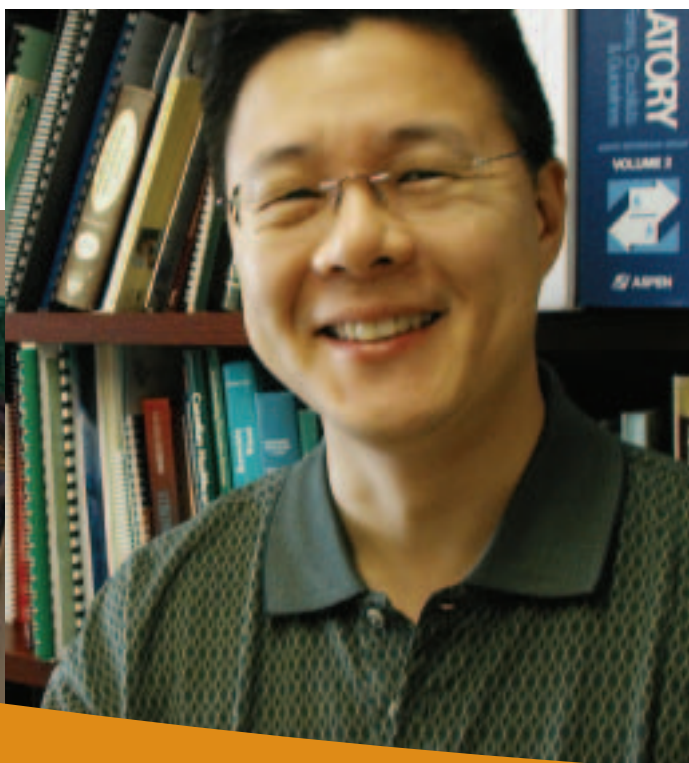
Our residential care programs also cater to specific cultural needs. Because of the high percentage of Chinese-heritage residents in our extended care unit, our

care workers bring in Chinese musicians and other multicultural performance artists to make residents feel at home.

Other surgical specialties include general surgery, geriatric dentistry, otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), plastic surgery, urology and breast reconstruction. In fact, last year Mount Saint Joseph hospital performed nearly 6,000 operations including plastic surgery, podiatry surgery and cardiac surgery.

As well, the hospital's advanced filmless Diagnostic Imaging Department provides outpatient x-ray, ultrasound, CT scan and state-of-the-art screening and diagnostic mammography services catered to the needs of the multicultural community seven days a week.

The laboratory provides all urgent and routine testing, as well as electro-cardiograms (electrical recording of the heart to investigate heart disease), Holter Monitor tests (used to identify heart-rhythm disturbances), and stress tests. It is also open every day to serve outpatients as well as hospital patients.



# Caring for Your Community



## Meeting Your Needs

We are committed to continually improving programs and services.

You may have visited a patient at the hospital recently, or even been a patient yourself and experienced first hand the exciting changes that are happening at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital.

### New Services

Thanks to the new Rapid Access Clinic and twice as many emergency doctors, you will receive quicker access to clinical services and medical specialists.

To provide patients with better 24-hour physician coverage, we now have a

hospitalist—a hospital-based general physician who assumes the care of hospitalized patients in the place of patients' primary care physician.

The Intensive Care Unit is installing a new Monitoring System that will help detect early signs of heart failure and can monitor a patient's progression after an angioplasty, or after administering drugs.

With funding help from the Mount Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation, we now have \$300,000 worth of new equipment for our endoscopy suite for outpatients, providing the latest technology to

diagnose and treat diseases of the digestive tract. Also recently, we equipped the hospital with a new \$300,000 endourology suite for urological procedures, providing state-of-the-art computerized technology to facilitate imaging during surgery.

Your hospital is also now home to Providence's ophthalmology (eye) program, which will perform more cataract surgeries and corneal transplants each year than any other hospital in BC. Mount Saint Joseph is also receiving the retinal surgery program from St. Paul's Hospital—a highly specialized program only offered at a few healthcare centres in Canada.

With four new surgery beds and 35 new geriatric care beds, Mount Saint Joseph now has 121 acute beds, 100 residential care beds and 23 day care beds.

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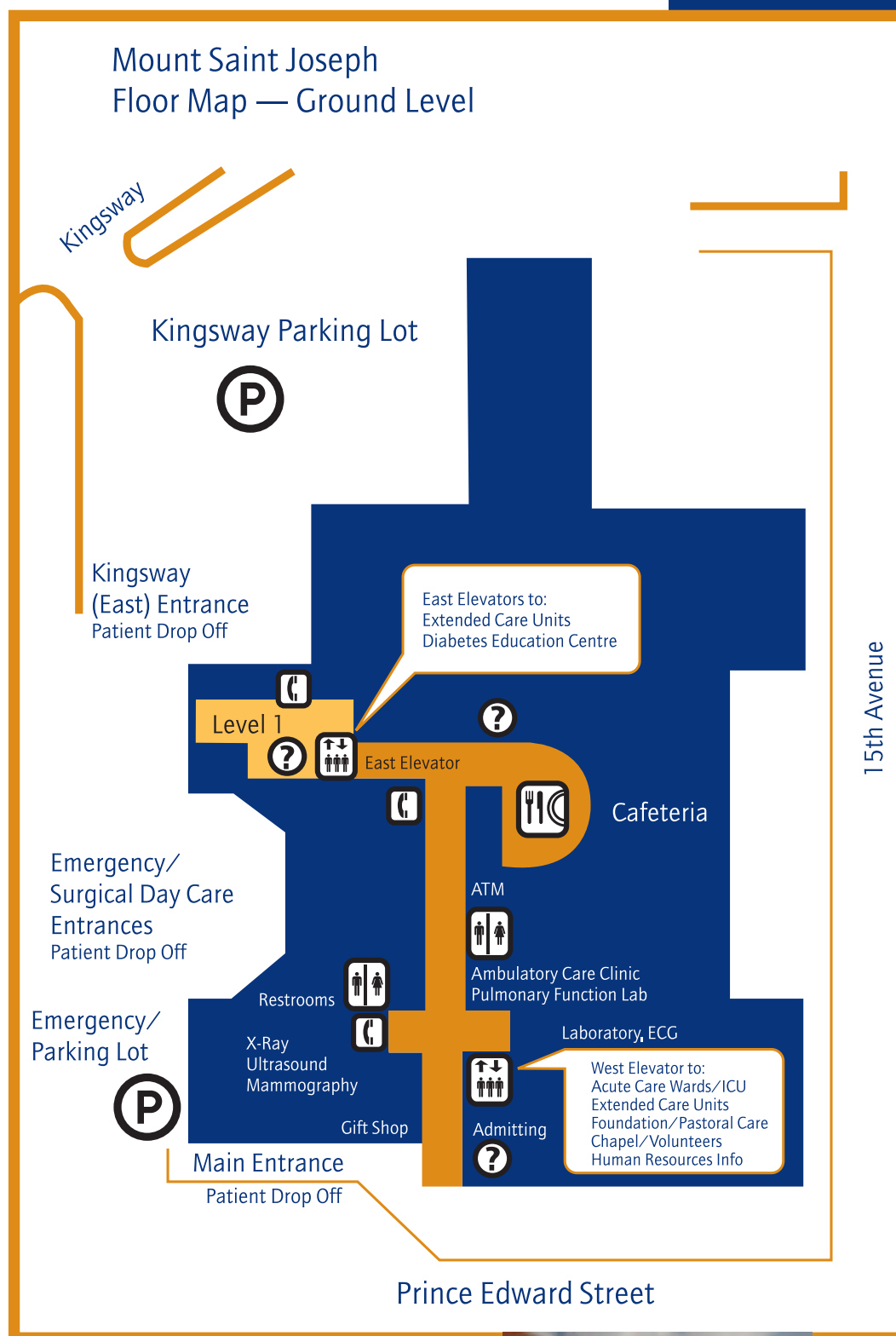


## Continuing our Commitment to Mount Saint Joseph Hospital

We realize you and your community have specific health care needs — needs that evolve and change.

Our commitment is to ensure you continue to have easy access to the health care services and programs you need.

Mount Saint Joseph Hospital's nurses, doctors, and other health professionals look forward to treating you with the best knowledge, medicine and technology available.



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