

# 5<sup>th</sup> Floor News

The 5th Floor is changing...



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## Dear patients, families and staff

In March we announced the new proposed locations for respiratory medical services:

- 2nd Floor East Block for the clinical services, research areas and offices, and
- a new purpose-built area on the Ground Floor of The Alfred Centre for the sleep laboratory.

### New architect selected

Since then the project has continued to progress. We have engaged a new architect - **Design Inc** - with the capability and capacity to see the relocation through to completion. (Design Inc has extensive experience in designing for hospitals, including the Royal Children's.)

The project's timeframe has been revised with the new architects advising that the **physical relocation of the service is likely in early 2018**.

This later date is due to several flow-on effects for many other work groups at The Alfred as a result of this relocation project.

To accommodate the non-clinical team moving from the 2nd Floor, to enable the relocation of the respiratory services, Alfred Health has taken a lease at 553 St Kilda Rd, close to the hospital campus.

### Ongoing consultation

The Patient Reference Group is now established with a good-cross section of respiratory patients involved. Our 10 members are scheduled to meet in July to review the initial designs.

#### Patient Reference Group

Peter Prosser	Jane Fletcher
Helen Lester	Camille Condon
Alex Parker	Sharon Vladusic
Samantha Durrant	Wendy Jenkins
Anthony Steele	Peter Willcocks

In addition, the CF Advisory Group will continue to provide their insights on the project. Online roadshows will be held in the next couple of months so that everyone in our patient community has the opportunity to comment on the design.

Our clinical staff are continuing working closely with the architects, ensuring that functional and clinical requirements are appropriately and accurately reflected in design.

### Design principles

We have established several design principles based on the priorities identified by staff and patients earlier this year (see overleaf). These principles have been reviewed by Patient Reference Committee and the Cystic Fibrosis Advisory Group.

Our sincere thanks go to our patients and staff who put themselves forward to take part in this project - we appreciate your generous commitment to the quality of care for which our service is known.

### Prof Robyn O'Hehir

Director  
Allergy, Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

### Prof Trevor Williams

Director  
General Respiratory and Lung Transplant

## Design principles to maintain and improve the service

Our design principles reflect the priorities identified by staff and our patient community earlier this year:

- **Waiting areas** designed for patients-access to oxygen, visible, zoned
- Patients receive **timely care**, with minimal patient waits and coordinated care
- Physical environment is **comfortable** and **accessible**, with easy access to the facilities, improved seating, natural light
- Improve **cleanliness and infection prevention**, improved access and to clean materials
- Enhance **patient flow and proximity to services**, e.g. lung function, pathology
- Maintain access to the **highly skilled professional staff**

These principles support our overriding goals: to ensure all clinical functions are maintained and where possible enhanced or expanded, ensuring high-quality patient care.

## Keeping up to date

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## Phases and estimated timings



June - September  
Design



August - October  
2nd floor relocation  
of non-clinical teams



October - January 2018  
Construction



Early 2018  
5th floor relocation