Relocating Respiratory Medicine

Dear patients, families, carers and staff

Last month we released the design for our Respiratory Medicine Services on Level 2, which will now extend from the Philip Block through to the East Block at The Alfred.

Design features
The floor design includes some excellent improvements that will add to our already high-quality service. As you can see from the proposed layout on pages 2-3, much of the feedback received over the past few months has been addressed, with features including:

• better facilities that improve patient access and comfort
• continued close proximity to clinical areas and staff
• improved infection prevention through isolation rooms and two separate entrances
• new and modern surfaces that are easy to clean and maintain.

Importantly, the new design allows for a 20 per cent increase in clinical capacity, supporting future growth for our service.

The Sleep Laboratory (page 4) will move to a new purpose-built facility on the Ground Floor of The Alfred Centre, providing all the important facilities required.

Minimising cross infection
Infection prevention is a main concern for our respiratory patients. Over the past few months our clinical teams have focussed on determining the best pathways to minimise the risks from cross infection in our new relocation. These pathways are informed by the new proposed cystic fibrosis control guidelines for infection prevention and build on current practices to keep patients safe. Also, they take advantage of the newly created isolated rooms in the East Block to minimise cross infections.

Next stages
Preparations are underway for the next phase with tender processes under way for construction works. Plans are in place for building to start in early 2018. Also, early in the new year, we will review work flows and scheduling in these new locations to better support patient experiences.

We will continue to work together with patients and families to make our clinics efficient and safe.

Thank you
As we head towards the end of the year, our thanks go to the many patients and clinicians who gave of their time to support the relocation of our service and ensure the high quality of care was retained. We are particularly grateful to our Patient Reference Group, whose insights both shaped and improved the clinic designs for Level 2.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy festive season.

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Watch our Webcast
Alfred Health clinicians explain the new clinical area for respiratory Medicine. Streamed live in early November, this webcast is now available on demand at alfredhealth.streaming.net.au

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Throughout the new clinics

- 20% increase in allocation of clinic rooms
- Oxygen in all clinical rooms
- Easy-to-clean materials and fittings throughout the area
- Spirometry available in clinicals. Exploring options for isolation rooms
- 6x clinical rooms (including 6x isolation rooms: one nurse treatment room with two chairs)

Six clinical rooms with isolation capacity and separate toilets
Lung function available in lung function lab and clinics
Tea, coffee and drinking fountain close to waiting areas
Piped oxygen available in waiting areas
Ability to send bloods in chute to Pathology

Patient and clinician feedback have shaped and developed the clinic design on Level 2 to ensure we continue to provide the highest level of patient care.

Two clinical zones with two separate entrances

Close proximity between respiratory staff, clinics and wards. Most teams are co-located with their respective units

Design for Respiratory Medicine Level 2

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Purpose-built Sleep Laboratory, Ground Floor, The Alfred Centre

Keeping up to date

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