

Building a Better Bickle

A message to our staff, patients and families

A Celebration for the New Dialysis Unit

It was smiles and cheers on March 19th 2018 as the new nocturnal (night-time) dialysis unit on South 3 transitioned into full operations.



The Dialysis team on South 3 celebrate the full operations of the nocturnal dialysis unit.

Since late February, patients at EW Bickle who required dialysis treatment no longer had to travel across town to receive care at another location. However, while the unit was ramping up, treatment was only being offered during the day for the first three weeks.

With a smooth transition complete, the unit now operates on a nocturnal basis from 7:30 PM until 7:30 AM. This means patients are transferred into the unit early evening and sleep throughout their dialysis treatment.

“Getting the unit on-line and ready was truly a team effort,” said Susanne Henseleit, manager South 3. “Ramping up in only three weeks is a testament to our staff and patients who all worked together to get accustomed to the new processes and space and we are grateful for everyone’s support.”

Basement Renovations: A Staged Approach

The basement at EW Bickle is the epicentre for many of the hospital’s core services including food services, Infection Control (IPAC), labs, facilities, radiology, housekeeping and staff lockers. This means renovations must be a delicate dance of work that minimizes impact to the areas effected and the organization as a whole .

Basement renovations have been divided into three main stages:

1st Stage: The first phase is nearing completion and handover is expect in a few months.

2nd Stage: Over the spring and summer, ceilings will be replaced in key areas including hallways. To facilitate this work a temporary pathway will be established to ensure access to radiology.

3rd Stage: North Wing lockers and washrooms will get a facelift beginning in mid-summer. This means temporary locations for some areas such as staff lockers, IPAC, labs, etc.

As basement areas are completed, they will be used to facilitate other renovations.

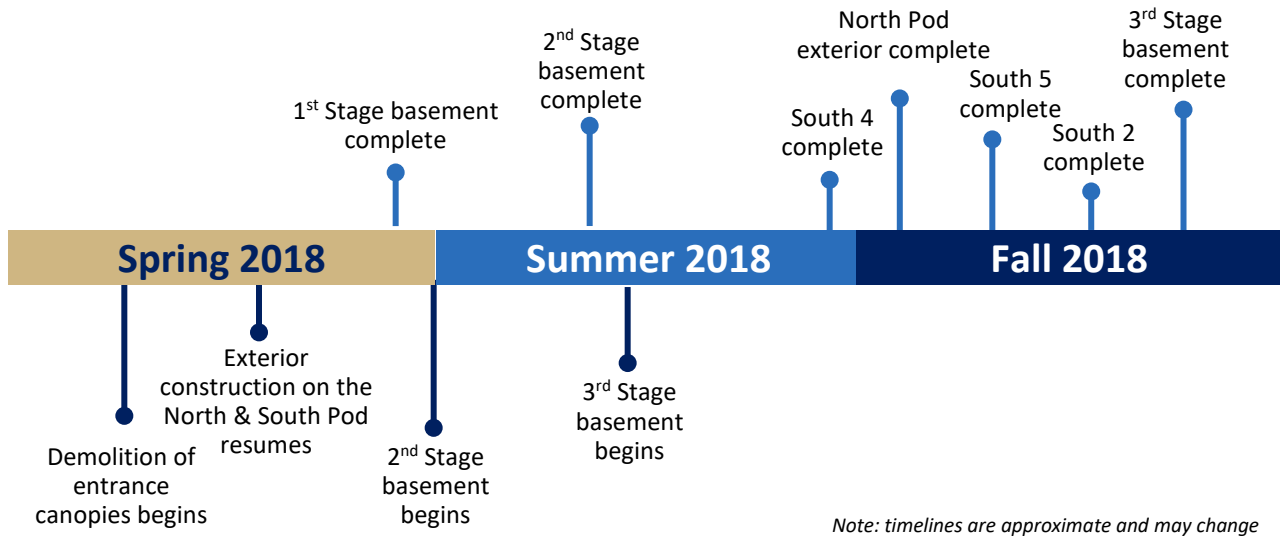


Skylights in the basement help to create a warm and bright space.

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2018 Schedule

Spring has finally arrived and that means activity in the months ahead will be increasing both inside and outside at the EW Bickle Centre. Here is a snapshot of what you can expect:



Under Construction

Interior

- **Basement** – Finishing touches are being made to 1st Stage.
- **Main** – Second half of south pod remains under construction.
- **South 4** – Flooring and walls are being installed.
- **South 5** – Demolition complete and framing has begun.

Exterior

- **North & South Pod** – Brick and paneling work has resumed on the west and east side.



Detour

South Pod Lobby: Travel to the South Pod on the main floor is now through the meeting place.

Get in Touch

Ensuring a clean and safe environment for our staff, patients and visitors is always a priority. We appreciate that construction can bring some inconveniences and we are making every effort to minimize potential impact. If you have any questions or concerns about construction, please contact us directly at our dedicated project email:

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