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## Manitoba's newest research centre underway

A next generation research centre will be built at Seven Oaks Hospital in upcoming months now that three quarters of the cost has been pledged by private donors.

Seven Oaks General Hospital Foundation has been working to raise \$1.2 million to renovate an existing space on the main level of Seven Oaks Hospital and announced its major donors and the plans for construction at an event today.

The new centre will bring together three clinician scientists and their young team of 10-12 research coordinators, biostatisticians and data specialists.

They will work in a modern space designed for productive collaboration, and the exchange of ideas that has led to world class research and innovation such as the [Kidney Failure Risk Equation](#) which has been adopted globally.



The new space will feature natural light, modern presentation aids, options for standing and sitting desks, and space for visiting researchers and students to plug in and work.

CDIC research is centered primarily on sophisticated analysis of population health data so this isn't a traditional laboratory with test tubes and microscopes. It is unique as research centre embedded in a community hospital where it can test and implement innovative ideas quickly, and collaborate directly with business on new healthcare technology.

According to Research Director Dr. Paul Komenda until recently members of the research team were scattered through the hospital, sometimes working from home on laptops and meeting weekly to discuss projects. He says the renovated space is critical to achieving the goals of CDIC.

"Our research is a combination of device development, risk prediction with equations and the use of technology to really deliver care differently. (That) requires a team of physicians, and nurses and

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engineers and people who are good with computer programming and statistical analysis. Assembling that group of talent is what we've done here at CDIC," Research Director Dr. Paul Komenda.

The Winnipeg Foundation was an anchor donor that came on board early in the quiet capital campaign with a \$100,000 donation that helped leverage other corporate and community contributions.

"The new Chronic Disease Innovation Centre at Seven Oaks Hospital will find cost-effective, prevention-focused solutions to promote wellness and improve quality of care and quality of life. We are happy to support this important cause," said Rick Lussier, The Winnipeg Foundation's Senior Grants Associate.

The Foundation will continue to support CDIC to do its important work, but one of the strategies for sustaining the research includes collaborating with life sciences and technology companies and taking on contracts for clinical trials.

More about the CDIC is contained in a backgrounder and on its temporary web site at [www.changinghealthcaredelivery.ca/](http://www.changinghealthcaredelivery.ca/)

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