

## About the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

*A University of Toronto Teaching and Research Hospital*

At the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab) — one of Canada's leading academic rehabilitation science centres — we're responding to some of the most pressing health needs in our society today, and anticipating the health concerns of tomorrow.

We do this by:

- providing the very best in rehabilitation, complex continuing care and long-term care
- engaging in a robust and leading-edge rehabilitation research program — the fastest growing in Canada
- delivering innovative education to healthcare professionals, patients, families and the public
- focusing on our people, including those who provide care and those who receive it

Each year more than 15,000 people rely on Toronto Rehab to help them rebuild their lives and to regain the skills, abilities and confidence they need to live life to the fullest following traumatic injury and life altering illness.

### Staying informed

We appreciate the interest and support of our community during this important project. Here are several ways that you can keep in touch and get more information

- Visit our website at [www.torontorehab.com](http://www.torontorehab.com) and click on Read about Redevelopment on the homepage for the latest news and information. Click on the video link to see an up-to-date view of the demolition progress.
- Call us at 416-597-3422 ext. 3342 or via email at [earlyworks@torontorehab.on.ca](mailto:earlyworks@torontorehab.on.ca) and we will do our best to get back to you with the information you need.

### Questions or concerns?

At Toronto Rehab, we are committed to openness and to keeping our valued neighbours informed of our efforts to improve patient care. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this renovation project, please contact us at 416-597-3422, ext. 3342.

## The Campaign for Toronto Rehab

There's never been a more exciting and rewarding time to support Toronto Rehab by becoming a donor to the Toronto Rehab Foundation.

Toronto Rehab Foundation raises funds to help support research, facility upgrades, equipment, and education programs — items often not funded through government sources. As Toronto Rehab's redevelopment moves forward, the Foundation will rely on the generosity of the community to help make this new beginning one that will benefit generations of patients and families to come.

Learn more about the Toronto Rehab Foundation at [www.torontorehabfoundation.com](http://www.torontorehabfoundation.com)

### Thank you!

*It's an exciting time for Toronto Rehab. This ambitious patient care and research facilities redevelopment and expansion means so much to so many people — most especially our patients and the 4.1 million Canadians living with a disability.*

*We thank you for your interest, support and understanding.*



# Community Link

*Keeping our neighbours informed*

May 2008

### A look ahead

This redevelopment will transform University Centre and result in a more modern hospital with facilities better designed to provide care to adults undergoing rehabilitation for serious injury and illness.

The result will be facilities that are more conducive to the rehabilitation needs of our patients that provide more appropriate clinical space for our specialized patient care services and our innovative research and education programs, including:

- specialized patient care services – for adults undergoing rehabilitation for serious injury and illness, including stroke, brain injury, multiple traumas and cancer;
- iDAPT (Intelligent Design for Adaptation, Participation and Technology), one of the most advanced rehabilitation research facilities in the world; and
- dedicated education space to accommodate the hundreds of students, from many health care disciplines, who complete their clinical training at Toronto Rehab each year.



Look forward – A preview of University Centre in 2011.

## Exciting redevelopment underway at Toronto Rehab

Work is underway on the multi-million dollar redevelopment and expansion of Toronto Rehab's University Centre at 550 University Avenue (University Avenue and Elm Street). Work has already begun on demolition of the existing four-storey south wing (at the corner of Elm and Murray Street), to make way for construction of a 13-storey patient care and research wing.

The multi-year project will transform the former acute care hospital into a state-of-the-art rehabilitation hospital with more appropriate and fully accessible facilities that will better serve the rehabilitation needs of patients and the community.

The redevelopment will also create one of the world's most advanced rehabilitation research

facilities ([www.torontorehab.com/research/idapt.htm](http://www.torontorehab.com/research/idapt.htm)) that will bring together the brightest research minds and leading edge technology to improve the lives of individuals recovering from, and living with, disabling injury and illness and age-related conditions.

The multi-year project will involve:

- demolition of an existing four-storey patient care south wing
- construction of a new 13-storey patient care and research wing
- renovations to the existing 12-storey east wing and four-storey north wing
- improved entry/accessibility to the building for patients and families

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## Murray Demolition a partner in UC redevelopment

Murray Demolition, the Toronto-based company engaged to demolish the south wing of Toronto Rehab, has a stellar reputation and an excellent safety record.

Among the best-known landmarks that Murray has 'deconstructed' in the Greater Toronto Area are the Goodwill Buildings at Adelaide and George streets, the four towering stacks of the Lakeview Generating Station and the Royal Ontario Museum's Terrace Galleries.

In February, Murray was also called in to help move debris while emergency personnel looked for hot spots in unstable buildings left after a six-alarm blaze on Toronto's Queen Street West.

For more information on Murray Demolition go to [www.murraydemolition.com/](http://www.murraydemolition.com/).

## Official demolition start event planned for June 9

Join Mark Rochon, President and CEO of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab) on June 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the lobby

for the official start of demolition of the south wing. All are welcome. Watch our website for further details of the event.

## Demolition key piece of redevelopment

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These changes will mean increased inpatient space as well as outpatient and on-unit therapy spaces and facilities where we will deliver specialized patient care services. They will also result in over 17,000 square feet of new dedicated research space to house the hospital's growing research program and dedicated education space to accommodate the increasing number of students who come to Toronto Rehab to complete their clinical training.

The University Centre redevelopment is being funded by Toronto Rehab, the Toronto Rehab Foundation ([www.torontorehabfoundation.com](http://www.torontorehabfoundation.com)) and the province's

ReNew Ontario plan, as well as through federal and provincial infrastructure research grants (iDAPT).

This project is part of a Toronto Rehab transformation initiative that began several years ago with a new front entrance at our University Centre and a \$2.5 million redevelopment of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> floors of University Centre in 2005/06 to accommodate our expanding research program.

If you would like to help us realize our vision for the future through a donation, please visit [www.torontorehabfoundation.com](http://www.torontorehabfoundation.com) or call the Toronto Rehab Foundation at 416-597-3422, ext. 3040.



Watch our redevelopment project take shape on the web. Visit [www.ucionline.com/torontorehab/](http://www.ucionline.com/torontorehab/) to get a bird's-eye view of our demolition/construction site. A camera installed on the top of a neighbouring building provides an updated view of the site every 30 minutes.

## Timelines

**November 2007/  
March 2008**

Internal renovations – complete

**April – July 2008**

Demolition of south wing

**Summer 2008**

Construction of new 13-storey patient care and research tower begins. Once the tower is complete we will begin renovations of the existing east and north wings.

More detailed timelines will be available in late spring/early summer once we have announced the winning construction team who will build and finance the project.

## A look ahead to...

## World class rehabilitation delivered in accessible state-of-the-art facilities



## What to expect during demolition

### Top-down inside-out

The south wing will be demolished using a 'top down, inside out' approach. First the roof will be dismantled and then, starting with the 4th floor and working down, each concrete floor will be broken up and removed. The outside walls will be the very last to come down. They will be dismantled from the outside in, so that debris will fall safely within the building.

### Noise, dust and work hours

Unfortunately, there is only one way to demolish concrete floors and that is with hydraulic hammers, so there will be some periods of unavoidable noise. However, the work crew will do their best to break up loud activity with some "quiet breaks". There will be no use of explosives or a wrecking ball. The crew will try to keep dust under control by regularly hosing down the work site.

All construction work will take place within the City of Toronto's approved construction hours:

- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; and
- 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays.

### Traffic flow

We are not expecting significant disruptions to local vehicular or pedestrian traffic during this demolition and subsequent construction, though there may be occasional need to slow traffic to accommodate moving equipment on/off the site. We will continue to monitor traffic through our Elm Street ambulance entrance and our staff has been asked to help ease any congestion by using the University Avenue entrance for their taxi or private car pick-up and drop-off.