

KEMH Redevelopment Project is on track

Renovating KEMH

The KEMH Redevelopment Project is a two-pronged approach to delivering the range and quality of acute care services that Bermuda needs. Bermuda Hospitals Board has approval to build a new Patient Tower, an Ambulatory Care Centre and a central utility plant, to be ready in about five years' time. In the meantime, the Board has committed approximately \$55 million to renovate the existing KEMH building, which is structurally sound but needs to be modernised. Here is an update on renovations:



- Bermuda Hospitals Board's Centre for Cancer Care is now open. It offers a vastly improved environment for people with cancer, who, for the first time, have designated parking adjacent to the building. There is a new office where patients meet with the Chief Oncologist and a room where family meetings can be held. These offices are next to a freshly renovated, airy Chemotherapy Clinic. The Clinic has high ceilings, ample natural light, a soothing colour palette and special reclining chairs for extra comfort. Oncology services are likely to move to the new Ambulatory Care Centre once it is complete, but the Board could not

wait until then to improve services for our patients and made this renovation a priority.

- Both pilot patient rooms on Curtis Ward are now complete and feedback from BHB staff, as well as patients and their families, has been assessed to identify the preferred features of the two different rooms. This feedback will be used as a basis for planning the future rollout of the renovations to other rooms on our patient wards, as well as rooms in the new Patient Tower.
- A medication room in Gosling Ward is complete and in use. It provides a well-lit room for secure medication storage with appropriate space where medications are prepared for paediatric patients.
- The Emergency and Admissions public entrance is currently under construction. The stepped roof of the covered entrance is nearing completion.
- Future renovation projects include a surgical suite in the Maternity Unit, the placement of a 64-slice CT scanner and expansion of space for the Asthma and Diabetes clinics.

New Buildings on the KEMH Site

In order to provide the range and quality of acute care services that Bermuda needs, we need to increase our floor space by about 50%.

The new buildings (orange in the conceptual plan, right) will be delivered by a form of Public Private Partnership (PPP) called design, build, finance and maintain (DBFM). This is a first for Bermuda.

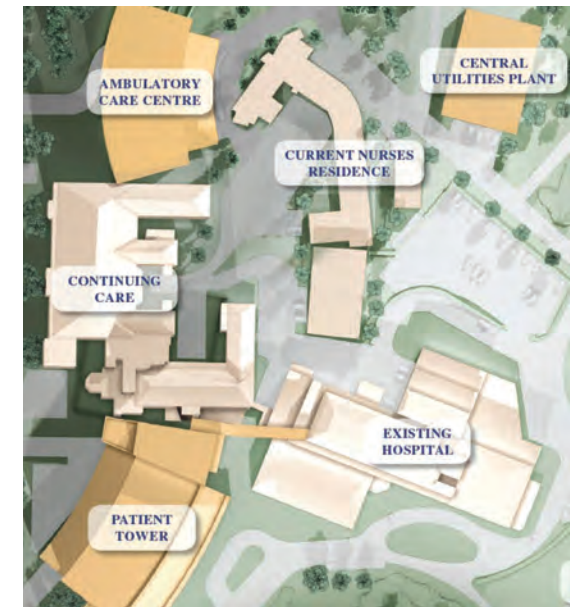
One of the main differences between DBFM and the traditional design, bid, build model is the amount of work BHB must do before going out to bid teams interested in developing the new facilities. BHB must provide detailed specifications (not plans or drawings but the specific spatial and functional requirements of rooms, departments and buildings) to bid teams that are invited to submit proposals. BHB has been assembling a team of advisors to help us create those specifications in line with leading practice standards.

BHB is making very good progress in identifying a strong team of advisors with an appropriate balance of local experience and clinical and PPP expertise. Our business and clinical advisory teams are complete and the formation of our legal and technical advisory teams is well underway.

Our Clinical Advisory Team (CAT) is now fully engaged in, among other things, mapping the patient journey through KEMH in order to recommend the services and clinical processes KEMH needs in the future. For more about the CAT, see below.

The project is on schedule, and we anticipate breaking ground in less than two years.

Conceptual Plan for Five Years



The CAT needs you.

From Friday 22 May, the Clinical Advisory Team (CAT) will be approaching a number of Bermuda residents at random via telephone or through 'person in the street' interviews. They will be asking about experiences with health care in Bermuda. The information gleaned is confidential and will be used over the next several months to inform plans for the future of acute health care in Bermuda. If you would like to learn more about the CAT or would like to share information, call the CAT hotline on **239 5959**. The CAT looks forward to hearing from you.

Watch our progress. Please visit our website at www.bermudahospitals.bm and click on the KEMH Redevelopment Project button on the homepage.

