

## WRHA Cardiac Sciences Program Newsletter

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### ASPER CRI site for Cardiac Surgery Development Project ...

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In a joint announcement, **Jan Currie**, Vice-President & Chief Nursing Officer, WRHA and **Dr. Michel Tétreault**, President and CEO, St. Boniface General Hospital announced that Manitoba Health/WRHA/and St. Boniface approved the site for the Cardiac Surgery Development Project (CSDP), previously announced by the Minister of Health on March 7, 2006. The Cardiac Surgery Development Project will consolidate cardiac surgery at St. Boniface General Hospital and involves locating the following to the I.H. Asper Clinical Research Institute on the St. Boniface Hospital campus: Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Satellite Pharmacy, Cardiac Surgery Inpatient Unit, Cardiac Surgery Outpatient clinics, EKG/Stress/Holter and a portion of Program Administration and Medical Education. The remainder will be located in vacant Y3 space. The next step of the project has begun with user group working with consultants to design the new space. Construction will be completed in early 2009. More information will follow as the project progresses.

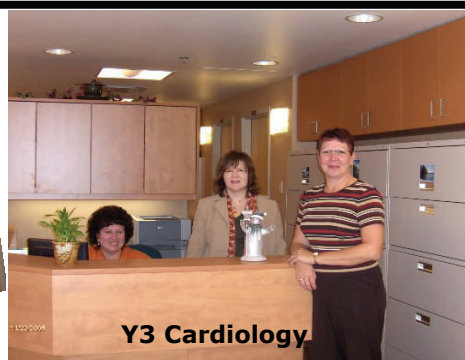
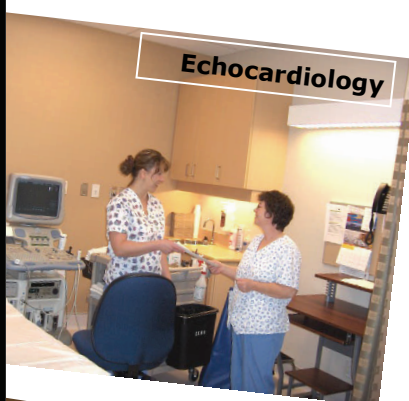
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### Moving in to the Bergen Centre (Y2/Y3) ...



**We've Moved In ...**  
Occupancy of the Bergen Centre began in July '06 with the relocation of the first Cath Lab from A2 to Y2 and was completed Nov 14<sup>th</sup> with the move of EP and Implant, Cardiology clinics and Cardiology from HSC.  
**THANK YOU** to Joyce, Collette, Paulette, Karen, Kathy & Bob who directed it all and the army of SBGH staff who prepared the space, moved the "stuff", did the last minute "fix" and generally made it happen.  
**WELCOME** to the HSC crew, joining us in Pacemaker and Cardiology clinics, in the EP and Implant service and Cardiologists and support staff on Y3.



## Straight From The Heart

### Cardiac Credits

#### Congratulations to ...

- **The HSC "Special Procedures Team"**, recognized as an "HSC StAR Team", for their special skills and teamwork in providing patient care.
- **Joyce Thomas**, PTM, SBGH, 1 of 2 people honored recently by the Heart & Stroke Foundation as a "Champion for ACLS". Joyce was a presenter at CCS '06 ("2006 update on ACLS") and a guest speaker at the National Western Canada Guidant Meeting held in conjunction with CCS
- **Dr. Roger Philipp**, appointed Acting Director, Cath Labs at HSC and SBGH. The incumbent, Dr. Tarek Kashour is taking a leave of absence. We wish Dr. Philipp & Dr. Kashour success in their respective endeavors.
- **Cardiac Sciences Program Faculty** honored for teaching excellence at the Oct 25th U of M Faculty of Medicine 'Teaching Awards Ceremony':
  - **'Med I Block III Cardiovascular Course'** - Most Outstanding Course in Med I
  - **Dr. J. Paterson, Dr. R. Soni and Dr. R. Philipp**, nominated for Med I Teaching Excellence
  - **Dr. A. Morris**, nominated for Most Outstanding Clinician
  - **Dr. Anita Soni** recently appointed Assistant Director, Cardiovascular Undergraduate Education.
- **Dr's. Alan Menkis & Grant Pierce** for their role in furthering the international partnership between the SBGH Research Centre and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The partnership was enabled from an endowment fund established by the late Israel Asper in 2001.

### Recent Appointments ...

Welcome to:

- **Judi Dyck**, Program Education Assistant supporting the Medical Education Program in Cardiology.
- **Ayodya Silva Randunne**, Clinical Assistant, Cardiac Surgery, SBGH.
- **Dr. Shelley Zieroth and Dr. Davinder Jassel** to the Section of Cardiology.
- **Lissa Currie**, appointed as Continuing Education Instructor, Cardiac Sciences Program.

### Farewell to ....

- **Reva Wiebe**, Cardiac Waitlist Coordinator.
- **Mary Hastings**, Administrative Assistant, Cardiac Sciences Program.

We thank Reva and Mary for their years of service to our program and wish them well in future endeavors.

### Visiting Professor—Dr. D. Duran ....



On October 10th and 11th we were privileged to have Dr. Carlos Duran, world famous heart valve surgeon and researcher, spend two and a half days in the Cardiac Sciences Program lecturing and teaching mitral valvular heart disease issues.

He lectured on the morning of October 10<sup>th</sup> and narrated a mitral valve repair performed by Dr. Alan Menkis. The surgery was professionally video taped and broadcast in the Sam Cohen Auditorium, giving many of our cardiologists, nurses and allied health workers a first time opportunity to see mitral valve repair surgery. Dr. Duran is an excellent teacher and these sessions were extremely well received. The next day he observed inside the OR. A more challenging mitral valve repair was done by Dr. Menkis with Dr. Duran offering the equivalent of a 'masters' class in mitral valve reparative surgery. A number of cardiac surgeons were able to attend and observe as well as anesthesia, nursing and resident staff. The event was sponsored by Medtronic of Canada and Medtronic U.S. Head Office. We would like to thank everyone involved who helped make this event such a success.

### "Future of Heart Health" ....

Some of the world's leading heart health experts were in Winnipeg for **The Global Conference on Heart Health and Disease**, October 12 to 14, 2006. Topics addressed by visiting and local experts covered a range of topics from factors to prevent heart disease to the future of artificial hearts.



The event was organized by **Dr. Alan Menkis and Dr. Grant Pierce** to celebrate the 10th anniversary of SBGH's Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and its former head, Dr. Naranjan Dhalla's 70th birthday. The conference emphasized the importance of having researchers and physicians work together to improve patient care and provided a forum for international experts to share their vision for cardiac care over the next 10 to 15 years.

### Talkback Corner ...

We invite your feedback .... Please forward articles for the newsletter or questions/ comments for the Cardiac Sciences Program Team to Z3055, 409 Taché, R2H 2A6, by email to [ahawkins@sbgh.mb.ca](mailto:ahawkins@sbgh.mb.ca) or via our website at [www.cardiacsciences.mb.ca](http://www.cardiacsciences.mb.ca). Please use the "Contact Us" link on the website to pass on your comments and suggestions.