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## **Patients access to timely and appropriate prenatal care continues**

WHITEHORSE—There will be a change in the location of services provided to Yukon women needing prenatal and maternity care, according to the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Yukon Hospital Corporation.

Four physicians at the Yukon Women's Clinic in Thomson Centre will move to the Klondyke Medical Clinic and open a new maternity clinic on December 1. Maternity patients at the women's clinic will move with the physicians in order to ensure continuity of care. New patients will be accepted at the Yukon Women's Clinic until December 1 and then at Klondyke Medical after this date.

"Yukoners will continue to receive quality support through the clinic of their choice. Maternity patients currently with the women's clinic may move to the Klondyke Medical Clinic or to the Sage Maternity Clinic," Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham said.

The Sage Maternity Clinic—operating within the Whitehorse Medical Clinic—also has four physicians who will continue providing prenatal care. Unattached and new maternity patients without family doctors also have the option to access care through Sage.

"Three years ago, physicians, the Yukon government and the Yukon Hospital Corporation partnered to address a gap in service for maternity patients and opened clinic space in Thomson Centre for prenatal care," Yukon Hospital Corporation chair Craig Tuton said. "This cooperative effort was very successful and we are certain that maternity patients will continue to be well served in our community."

The Yukon Women's Clinic was opened at Thomson Centre in 2011 as a way of improving access to prenatal care.

"We are excited about the opportunities that our new space will provide and look forward to working with the community to meet the needs of pregnant women and their families," Klondyke Medical Clinic's Dr. Deborah Lisoway said.

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