



FLOORS 2 + 3

BC Children's and BC Women's Redevelopment Project

An initiative of the Provincial Health Services Authority

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Planning and Building for Tomorrow's Care

2 Floors

located next to birthing, special procedures suites, pharmacy & satellite milk formula prep room

70

 Single-patient rooms

6

 Twin rooms

Controlled lighting



Decreased noise



Access to natural light

Family laundry facilities



12 Mom + Baby capable rooms

Overview

The NICU provides the specialized care required by premature and critically ill newborns from across the province. In 2017, it will relocate onto the second and third floors of the new Teck Acute Care Centre (TACC).

Reflecting a commitment to the family-centred model of care, the design of the NICU features single-patient rooms that provide supportive environments for both short-stay patients and those that require longer-term stays or more complex care.

Benefits

The NICU will have **70 private patient rooms** on two floors. This will help better support family-centred care in addition to enhancing infection control.

The second floor of the NICU will also be located next to the Birthing Program, minimizing any transitions and improving access to the specialized care required.

NICU will share space on the third floor with a satellite **milk handling room** that will provide a centralized location for

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donor, mother and fortified milk storage and preparation.

The surgical teams will be able to perform surgical procedures and minimally invasive procedures (including interventional radiology) in the patient rooms, eliminating the need for patients to travel to other areas.

Amenities

The single-patient rooms will allow families to be together. This will increase **privacy and comfort** for families, which has been shown to result in faster recovery times and better health outcomes for patients.

To increase comfort, each of the patient rooms will include family areas that will include sleeping accommodations for two adults and a storage locker designated for the family.

Each patient room will be designed to create a comfortable, family-centred space, and because NICU babies are sensitive to light and sound, the lighting within the rooms will be adjustable.

Each room will also have a curtained area where mothers may pump breast milk in privacy in addition to a small, **multi-user pump room**.

A special family and visitor support area will include spaces for rest and relaxation, cooking, eating and entertainment as well as **washrooms with showers** for family members in the NICU who wish to stay overnight or for longer periods of time.

Quiet rooms situated away from the patients will also be available for private family conferences.

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