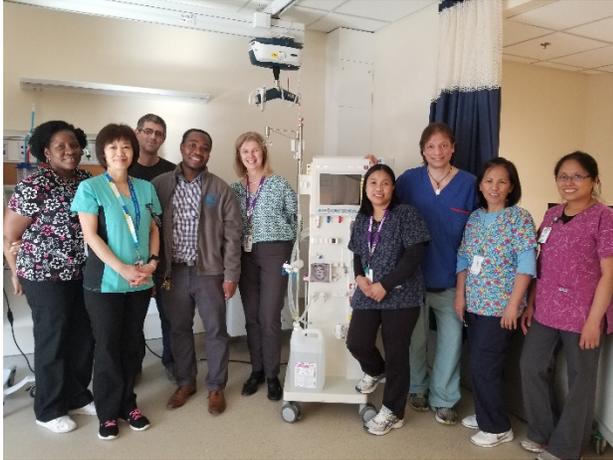


Building a Better Bickle

A message to our staff, patients and families

New Dialysis Unit Goes into Operation



The new team for South 3 dialysis unit

The EW Bickle Centre redevelopment project is focused on creating an environment that inspires health and wellness, while also ensuring we provide our patients the best care. A flagship component of this project is the construction of the new nocturnal (night-time) dialysis unit.

Up until now, Complex Care patients at EW Bickle patients requiring dialysis have been transferred offsite to a UHN location on University Avenue for treatment during the day. It was a time-consuming and disruptive process that we knew we needed to change. The redevelopment project presented the opportunity to improve the patient experience while also becoming more efficient.

Effective February 26, patients are now receiving the dialysis treatment they need, right here, at Bickle. The new dialysis unit on South 3 will accommodate up to 24 patients and operate 6 days a week under the leadership of Susanne Henseleit.

“Dialysis can be a daunting and stressful experience for patients. With this new unit, patients are simply moved onto the unit later in the evening and receive treatment while they sleep,” said Susanne. “By removing some of the stress and inconvenience, the end result is better for the patient and their families.”

Over the next four weeks we will slowly open the unit. The first patients will receive treatment during the day for several weeks, and then we will shift to treatments overnight. In the near future we will be hosting an official opening to mark the occasion and celebrate this accomplishment.

“This really is an exciting milestone for all the staff and patients at EW Bickle,” said Paula Cripps-McMartin, Clinical Director, EW Bickle Centre. “Excellence is always our goal and significant time and effort has gone into ensuring our patients receive exceptional care. I sincerely look forward to celebrating this achievement and ushering in a new level of care.”

Get in Touch

Ensuring a clean and safe environment for our staff, patients and visitors is always a priority. We appreciate that construction can bring some inconveniences and we are making every effort to minimize potential impact. If you have any questions or concerns about construction, please contact us directly at our dedicated project email:

tri-bicklerenovationquestions@uhn.ca

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Brick by Brick

Replacing the brick on the outside walls has been a significant component of the revitalization project. Beyond appearances, removing the brick has enabled us to fix some water damage caused over the years and increase the insulation to more effectively control the building temperature.

The process is somewhat time consuming and progress is tied to the weather. Waterproofing and insulation have been installed on all the exposed areas and are protected for the winter. Once the weather begins to improve in the spring, work on installing the brick will begin again.



Under Construction

The following areas are now under construction:

Interior

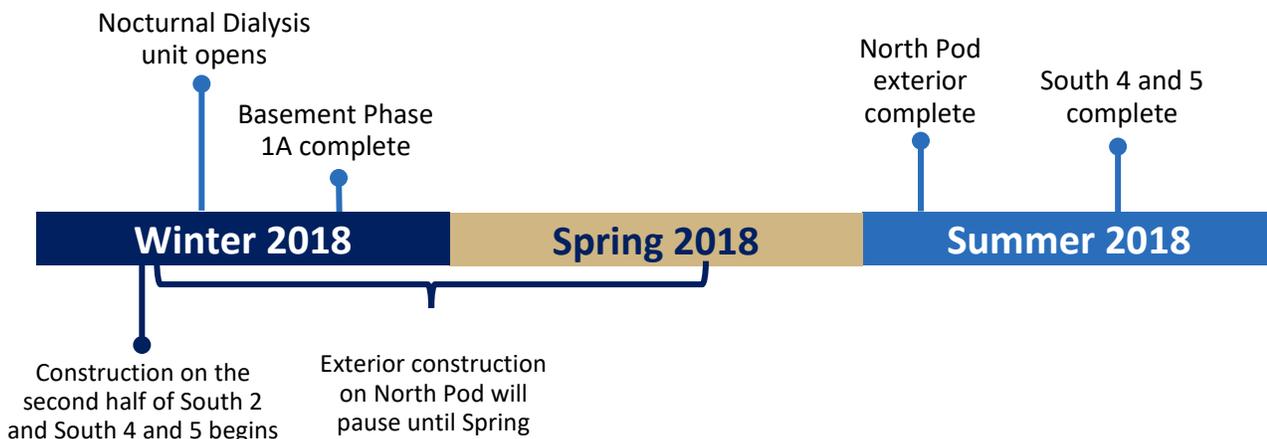
- **South 5** – demolition complete and renovation in progress
- **South 4** – demolition complete and renovation in progress
- **South 2** - demolition in progress
- **South 1 (basement)** – renovations nearing completion

Exterior

- **North Pod** – brick and paneling on north side of pod complete. Exterior work paused until the Spring.

2018 Schedule

As we approach the halfway mark of Building a Better Bickle, there will be lots of activity in the months ahead. Here are a few of the highlights of what you can expect this year:



Note: timelines are approximate and may change