



An update on emergency services at Wadena Hospital and Wynyard Hospital

December 2011

Dear residents of Wynyard, Wadena and area,

In September, we announced that the physicians in Wynyard and Wadena had come up with a creative solution to a shortage of physicians in both communities. They agreed to share emergency department duties in the two communities on an alternating basis. The physicians have agreed to continue this schedule until at least March 2012.

This arrangement is working only because of the cooperation and support received from the physicians and all community residents. We recognize that the alternating schedule is less than ideal, but in a true community spirit it, is working.

We are very optimistic that the situation will change soon. We have been working hard to recruit physicians to several communities in Saskatoon Health Region and there are some good prospects for your communities. We hope to be able to deliver good news to you in the near future.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to use the emergency department only for emergencies. These include sudden chest pain, breathing problems, sudden and severe headache, possible broken bones, head injuries, eye injuries, and illness or injury involving children or infants. Please do not visit the emergency department for routine medical ailments. If you require medical care and it is not an emergency, please contact your physician or call the provincial HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002 for professional health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 911 in an emergency.

We will continue to keep you and the staff of the two hospitals informed of changes as they occur.

Sincerely,

Shan Landry

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Vice President, Community Services
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Emergency Services at Wynyard Hospital and Wadena Hospital

effective December 7, 2011

*Please keep this emergency department schedule handy at
your home or business*

**Wadena Emergency
Department is open from
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

- Dec 7 to Dec 14
- Dec 21 to Dec 28
- Jan 4 to Jan 11
- Jan 18 to Jan 25
- Feb 1 to Feb 8
- Feb 15 to Feb 22
- Feb 29 to Mar 7
- Mar 14 to Mar 21

**Wynyard Emergency
Department is open from
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

- Dec 14 to Dec 21
- Dec 28 to Jan 4
- Jan 11 to Jan 18
- Jan 25 to Feb 1
- Feb 8 to Feb 15
- Feb 22 to Feb 29
- Mar 7 to Mar 14
- Mar 21 to Mar 28

In an emergency, call 911.

*Please use the emergency department for
true emergencies only, including:*

- sudden chest pain,
- breathing problems,
- possible broken bones,
- sudden and severe headache,
- head injuries,
- eye injuries,
- illness or injury involving children or infants.

For all other illnesses, please contact your family physician or the provincial HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002 for expert medical advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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