



An important notice regarding health services in Watrous

July 2011

Dear residents of Watrous and area,

We would like to bring some new information to your attention regarding health services offered through Watrous Hospital.

For the past several months, Watrous Hospital has been served by a locum physician (a physician who is temporarily filling in during the absence of a permanent physician). That locum period will come to an end on Friday, July 29, 2011. Unfortunately, as of today, we do not have a physician in place to take over the position.

Saskatoon Health Region has been trying to recruit full-time physicians to the hospital in order to continue providing inpatient services (care for patients who need to stay in hospital overnight). So far, after discussion with several individuals from around the world and here in Saskatchewan, we have not been able to find physicians willing to provide service at the hospital. There are, however, several caring and professional staff at the hospital to provide residents of the community with outpatient care. The services they will continue to provide is listed on the other side of this sheet. Long term care beds at the hospital remain open and the staff attending to those remain committed to their work.

How does this affect me?

Effective August 2, 2011, the emergency department of Watrous Hospital is not available for emergencies. If you require emergency care, please call 911 immediately.

If you require medical care and it is not an emergency, please book an appointment with your family doctor or a physician in nearby Lanigan, Nokomis or Imperial. For other medical situations, please visit your family physician or call the provincial HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002 for professional health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

What services are still available at Watrous Hospital?

Watrous Hospital is available to provide services for outpatient care (clients who require health services not requiring a stay in hospital). These services are listed on the other side of this sheet. Regardless of where your family doctor is located, if you are required to have tests done (X-rays, physical therapy, blood work, etc.), please check with Watrous Hospital to find out if the test can be done here.

What is Saskatoon Health Region doing to recruit physicians to Watrous?

Saskatoon Health Region has been working with several Canadian and international recruitment agencies as well as the new Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan. We have spoken to dozens of physicians from around the world already. We continue conversations with several more from around the world and here in Saskatchewan as well. Some of the leads we have received are promising, but have not yet come to fruition.

We will continue to keep you and our staff informed of changes as they occur. In the meantime, please keep this sheet and refer to it whenever you need to access outpatient services at Watrous Hospital.

Sincerely,

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Watrous Hospital

Keep this guide for a quick reference to all the services available at Watrous Hospital.

**Effective
August 2, 2011**

**Watrous
Emergency
Department
is closed**

**In case of an
emergency
call 9-1-1**

Phone
(306) 946-1200



The following services are available at Watrous Hospital:

Outpatient services:

- X-Ray and laboratory services
- IV antibiotics/other IV treatments
- Dressing changes
- Injections not available through home care, mental health nursing or the medical clinic
- Blood pressure/blood sugar checks
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Exercise therapy
- Registered dietician/diabetes nurse education
- Any doctor's order you have received
 - * if you have a doctor's order from a physician who no longer works in Saskatoon Health Region, please see a new physician in the Region to obtain a new order.

Community Services (for more information call 365-3400)

- Mental Health Counselling
- Addictions Counselling
- Child/Adult/Youth/Family Counselling

Public Health Nursing (for more information call 946-2102)

Home care services (For more information, call 365-1440)

Other services:

- Chiropody

***Lab and
X-ray hours***
8:00 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m.

Before travelling away from Watrous for your tests and procedures, check to see if they can be completed at Watrous Hospital.