

DIGITAL: At the heart of Humber River Hospital's digital vision for its new hospital are the patient and family. There was a clear standard from Day One by which all ICAT planning and design work was measured: does this enhance care for our patients and families now, and will it continue to be relevant in the future as new systems and technologies emerge? It's not about technology for technology's sake: it's about using technology to empower patients and care givers.

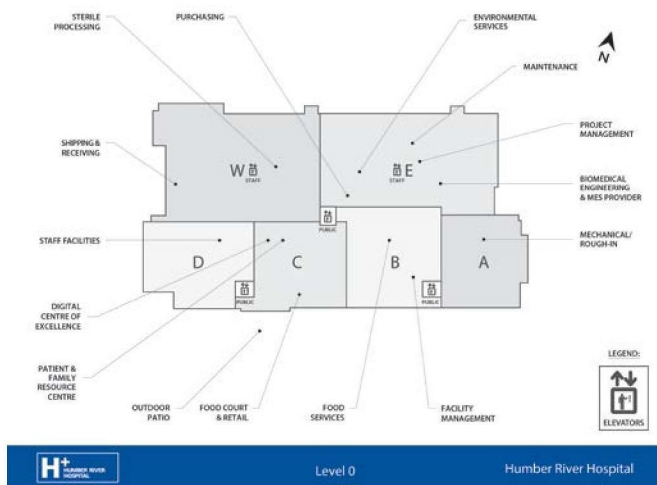
Level 0

Welcome to the new Humber River Hospital! This is Level Zero. There are some unique features about this floor that make it much more than the average building's basement floor. First of all, the natural slope of the site allowed us to keep most of the floor above ground, including the public areas. This means more natural light than in most building's lowest floor.

Second, this is a very functional floor for our hospital - our food court and some retail kiosks are located here, as is the hi-tech building operations command centre. From here all building functions can be monitored and controlled - down to the lighting and temperature control in individual rooms.

The most impressive feature for some will be our outdoor community amphitheatre. Located adjacent to the Team Revolution Piazza, it is designed to be a welcoming and inviting space for patients, visitors and neighbours.

Also on this level is the Digital Centre of Excellence. Thanks to our partnership with HP, some of their next generations of medical technology will be developed right here at Humber River!



Level 1

Level One is where you can really see the results of the design work that went into making a large hospital feel small. And when you consider our new building is 1.8 million square feet, this was a very important design consideration for our planning and design team.

Thanks to our 'Portals of Care' design concept, most patients have a walk of only 30 feet from the exterior entrance - a portal - to their clinic reception.

By making the building function on a north-south axis, walking is limited and access to care is very easy. Very important when you consider these clinics will see over 450,000 patients each year.