



Perley Rideau expands number of secure unit long-term care beds to benefit Seniors and Veterans

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- There is a need for more secure beds as the incidence of frail elderly with dementia increases.
- The terms 'wandering/exit seeking/elopement' is often associated with residents living with dementia and these residents require the safety of a secure unit.
- To address this need among Veterans, we are transforming a unit in the Rideau building to become a secure unit.
- We currently have a number of Veterans living at the Perley Rideau, there is a secure unit in the Gatineau building. These resident and their family members can choose to move to R1N once it becomes a secure unit.
 - **IMPORTANT: It is not mandatory for current residents on R1N or G1N to move to a different unit. Any moves will be voluntary.**
- The Gatineau secure unit (G1N) will transition to become a secure unit for members of the community.
- This transition will occur over a number of months as beds are available on R1N and Veteran residents requiring a secure environment move into these beds.
- In the past, R1N had been a secure but there are required infrastructure changes to make the unit secure again.
- The exact timeline on when this work will be done will be determined by contractor availability. We expect to be able to provide specific dates very soon and will keep you updated.
 - Updates and news of any disruptions will be communicated in advance.
- Residents that require the secure unit will not be able to exit the unit.
 - These residents will wear a bracelet -- called a wander guard -- that activates the door to lock as they approach it.
- Current residents on R1N can choose to stay on R1N or choose to move to a non-secure bed in the Rideau building.
- Independent residents living on the unit and not requiring a wander guard, will receive a fob to swipe at the pad near the door, unlocking the door to provide free movement throughout the Perley Rideau.
- Access to the courtyard will remain the same for the R1N residents.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Diceman, Manager of Resident Care, at ext. 2113 or Rachel de Kemp, Director of Nursing, at ext. 2414.