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Misericordia first health facility to offer patients Wi-Fi



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Misericordia's Urgent Care Centre is the first health-care facility in Winnipeg to offer patients access to the Internet through wireless technology – and at no cost.

How it works:

After patients are triaged, the registration clerk provides a daily password to anyone wishing to use the Internet. For those patients without a laptop or a PDA, Urgent Care also offers two kiosks with desktop computers with Internet access.

Offering free Wi-Fi is the brainchild of Dr. John Reda, Director of Urgent Care.

“At Misericordia, we’ve made every effort to ensure our Urgent Care waiting areas are like home. We’re proud to offer this added touch to our patients,” explains Dr. Reda.

Health-care professionals also give Wi-Fi top marks:

“And as a doctor, it’s an invaluable tool for me,” says Dr. Reda. “When I’m in a room with a patient, I no longer have to leave to look up information. I can now access medical reference sites while I am talking to the patient, such as looking up treatments for specific diseases or seeing whether certain drugs are safe for breast-feeding mothers to take.”

Interview/photo op:

What: Doctors John Reda and Greg Van de Mosselaer are available for interviews and can give Wi-Fi demos using their PDAs (blackberry and iphone, respectively)

When: 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 13, 2009

Where: Urgent Care nursing station, 99 Cornish Avenue

Privacy note:

Misericordia's Wi-Fi connection is separate and distinct from the existing Misericordia Health Centre network to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of the personal health information of our patient and resident population.

Since 1898 Misericordia Health Centre has been providing compassionate quality health care to those most in need in accordance with our core values: caring, respect and trust. Misericordia provides an array of specialized programs including our Eye Care Centre of Excellence, long-term and interim care, urgent care, ambulatory clinics, diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, Sleep Disorder Centre and pediatric dental surgery. Misericordia also operates the internationally-recognized Provincial Health Contact Centre, including Health Links-Info Santé. For more information, please visit our website at www.misericordia.mb.ca.

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