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Vascular Centre of Excellence set to open today

CALGARY– Media are invited today to tour the redeveloped Vascular Centre of Excellence at the Peter Lougheed Centre, giving patients with vascular conditions more comprehensive treatment than ever before.

The Vascular Centre of Excellence includes a larger inpatient area, increased outpatient services and two new hybrid operating suites, equipped with advanced medical imaging devices, that support surgeries for complex cases, as well as minimally invasive procedures that enable patients to go home sooner and recover more quickly.

Media can interview Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health; Calgary Health Trust Board Chair Ann McCaig; Dr. John Kortbeek, Professor and Head, Department of Surgery; and Dr. Paul Petrasek, Section Head for Vascular Surgery in the Calgary Zone.

Media availability details:

DATE: Monday, Nov. 9

TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Peter Lougheed Centre, 3500 26 Ave. N.E.

Media are asked to meet at the west entrance (next to the Second Cup) where a Communications representative will escort them to the media availability.

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