

Shelburne Community Partners / Nova Scotia Health Update

September 2026

Modular Dialysis Unit preparation work underway at Roseway Hospital

- Construction crews are now on site and working to get the property prepared for the arrival and installation of the six-station Modular Dialysis unit.
- The project will use a construction method called Design for Manufacture and Assembly. This allows much of the unit to be built off-site before modular components are delivered and assembled on Roseway Hospital property.
- While work is underway, patients can continue to access all services at Roseway Hospital as well as Shelburne Community Health Centre / Shelburne Family Practice as usual.
- For more information:
<https://www.nshealth.ca/news-and-notices/work-underway-roseway-hospital-new-renal-dialysis-unit>



Roseway Emergency Department update

- Our Emergency Department is looking a bit different as we prepare for some cosmetic updates, including fresh paint and refreshed walls.
- Things may look a little rough temporarily with the wallpaper stripped, but new paint is on the way as we make improvements to create a brighter, more welcoming environment for both patients and staff. We thank everyone for their patience.

Staffing highlights and welcome to new team members

- Roseway Hospital has hired a total of five new graduate Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). One of the new LPNs has completed orientation, while the others are either in or preparing to start orientation. Everyone is very pleased these new grads have decided to start their professional careers with us.
- We recently welcomed two new Registered Nurses (RNs) who have relocated to our area. One has completed orientation for the Emergency Department and the other has completed orientation for the Medical Inpatient Unit. Welcome to our new RNs.
- Dr. Michael Fatokun has joined us again to work for two weeks as hospitalist. A hospitalist is a doctor who provides care for patients who are admitted to the hospital, also known as inpatients. Dr. Fatokun's continued contribution is much appreciated by the healthcare team, patients and families. He will continue to aim for returning for a week every 5-6 weeks.
- We have two Registered Nurses who are taking the Emergency Nursing Program (ENP) this fall. Also, our Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) is taking the Cardiac Care Paramedic training. This commitment from our healthcare providers to enhancing their skills and training is a testament to their dedication to providing high-quality, patient-centred care.

“Thank You” to Roseway Hospital Auxiliary for ceiling lifts

- Our friends with the Roseway Auxiliary have approved the purchase of three more ceiling lifts in patient rooms, a ceiling lift in a patient tub room and a mobile floor lift. This is incredible news and very important equipment to have for both our patients and our staff
- Patient lifts are mechanical lifting devices that improves safety and protects both patients and staff from injury.

Staff, physicians and teams prepare for *One Person One Record* implementation

- The One Person One Record, Clinical Information System (OPOR-CIS) is creating a single, integrated clinical information system across Nova Scotia.
- Central Zone (Halifax area) successfully implemented Wave 2 of OPOR-CIS on May 9, 2026. Wave 3 will launch in the Western, Northern, and Eastern Zones in November 2026, completing the provincial rollout. Continued engagement and education with leaders, providers, staff, patients, and partners will support readiness and successful adoption.

Welcome Dr. Gertrude Ashong to Shelburne Family Practice

- Dr. Gertrude Ashong began practice Tuesday, September 8.
- Her arrival is timely as she will be taking over Dr. Saadia Khan's Shelburne County patients following her recent departure in August. This will help provide a smooth transition for patients of Dr. Khan.
- A huge "thank you" to the Municipality of Shelburne for sponsoring a lovely luncheon to welcome Dr. Ashong. We also wish to thank Dr. Saadia Khan for her service to her patients.



New patients continue to be accepted by Shelburne Family Practice

- A total of **197 patients** have been rostered to a nurse practitioner or family physician since our last report to community partners (May – July). The majority of these are new patients taken off the Need a Family Practice registry, but also includes patients transferred from Dr. Saadia Khan.
- View the [Need a Family Practice Registry Update for September 2026 on Nova Scotia Health's website.](#)

Shelburne Same Day Clinic / Virtual Urgent Care access

- The Shelburne Same Day Clinic is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
- People with a primary care provider should always contact their provider first when seeking care. Other options in the area include:
 - [Virtual Urgent Care](#) at Roseway Hospital, **Monday to Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (patients accepted up to 60 minutes before closing)
 - Community pharmacy primary care clinic at TLC Pharmasave in Shelburne: <https://pans.ns.ca/CPPCC>
 - Shelburne Primary Care Clinic: 902-875-2321 to ask about available appointments
 - [VirtualCareNS | Nova Scotia Health](#)
 - YourHealthNS can help people in Shelburne & Shelburne County navigate the options to access care. Download the app on a mobile device, or visit on computer: <https://www.yourhealthns.ca/>

Well Women Clinics

- Well Women Clinics were held in Barrington on May 28 and June 30. The next clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 29.
- Clinics offer services such as pap tests, breast exams, contraceptive counselling, and sexual health care services for patients with or without a provider by appointment. Screening is completed by nurse prior to booking. Check the Shelburne Family Practice Facebook page for updates -OR- call the clinic **902-875-2321**.

Primary Care Clinics

- Georg MacDonald, Nurse Practitioner, provides Primary Care Clinic services for people in Shelburne County who do not have a regular family provider. Georg will be working Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
- Thank-you to Deana Hickey, Nurse Practitioner for providing support to the clinic one day a week recently.
- Angelina DeMings, Nurse Practitioner, provides a weekly clinic at the Clark's Harbour Clinic on Monday. During the summer months, this clinic took place at the Barrington Community Health Centre.



Mental Health and Addictions Program

- Work continues to improve pathways and access to mental health and addictions services in south western Nova Scotia, and across the zone. A Nurse Practitioner has been hired for the Recovery Support Centre based in Yarmouth with work underway to operationalize outpatient withdrawal management. We expect to report on progress in future updates to our Shelburne community partners. For resources, links to programs and services and more, visit the [Mental Health & Addictions](https://mha.nshealth.ca) page: <https://mha.nshealth.ca>

In the news...

- Integrated Stroke Team serves patients in Shelburne and across south western NS: <https://www.nshealth.ca/news-and-notice/yarmouth-integrated-stroke-team>
- Tick Talk with Dr. Jonathan Ross: <https://www.nshealth.ca/news-and-notice/tick-talk-dr-jonathan-ross>

