

# Nursing unit officially opens

**A** new 53-bed nursing unit at Concordia Hospital officially opened last month.

The unit, formerly the interim long-term care unit, has actually been in operation since May, after 60 residents were transferred from the unit to Concordia Place, the new personal care home located just east of the hospital.

At that time, 34 of the beds were utilized for acute care, and the remaining 19 beds were opened in October.

The newest unit is N1South, which provides short-term rehabilitation services through an inter-disciplinary team approach involving geriatric specialists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, therapeutic recreation staff, clinical dietitians, and speech language pathologists.

Funded by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, 14 of the beds fall under the surgical program, aiding patients who have had orthopedic surgery. Another 12 beds are for rehabilitation/geriatric programs, providing services to patients who require a short course of rehabilitation following an acute admission for a stroke and/or multiple medical problems.

N1North is a 27-bed sub-acute medical unit. Patients on the unit have medical needs but have passed the 'acute stage' and require geriatric assessments and convalescent time. These patients often have numerous age-related diagnoses which complicate rehabilitation and discharge planning. Patients are given the opportunity to be in a more relaxed setting away from the frantic pace of the acute medical floor.