

Fast facts



About the Gynecology Ambulatory Procedures (GAP) clinic

- Roughly **50%** of women over age 45 experience incontinence, and **10%** of women over 55 experience post-menopausal bleeding.
- The clinic will support nearly **1,000 patients** each year in need of cystoscopy or hysteroscopy procedures to diagnose and treat conditions that affect quality of life.
- A **cystoscopy** is a procedure that supports the diagnosis and treatment of bladder conditions. A **hysteroscopy** procedure looks inside the uterus for treatment and diagnosis of cancers, polyps and other uterine conditions.
- Relocating this care into a clinic setting allows surgical teams to focus on procedures requiring operating room space, such as hysterectomies. This **improves access and reduces wait times** for both surgical and outpatient care.
- The clinic is committed to **minimizing disposable equipment** wherever possible, aligning with KHSC's green initiatives, health system goals and accreditation standards.
- Equipment was purchased with the **support of community donors** through the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation.
- The clinic was designed to be a **comfortable**, less intimidating environment compared to a traditional operating room.
- **Special thanks** to Dr. Shawna Johnston and Dr. Romy Nitsch for their advocacy, perseverance and leadership in advancing the vision for the GAP clinic.

