

# K-Block Helipad

Critically injured and ill patients will get to treatment sooner with the RHH's new \$10.5 million helipad.



Helicopters will predominantly land at the hospital rather than at the Cenotaph where a road ambulance is needed to transfer patients to the RHH.

It now takes just a few minutes only for the treating team to transfer a patient to the clinical treating area.

For patients arriving in a helicopter, the most common clinical journey is from the helipad to the emergency department which is accessed by a corridor from K-Block's Lower Ground floor.





Crews consisting of an Ambulance Tasmania intensive care flight paramedic and a specialist retrieval doctor, Tasmania Police officer and pilot.

For neonatal and some paediatric retrievals the Neonatal Emergency Transport Service (NETS) staff are involved.

The helicopter lobby has storage space for clinical and personal protective equipment needed to support staff attending the arrival of a helicopter.

Examples of equipment include dirty linen skip, sharps container, trolley, neo-natal emergency transport cot legs (when a retrieval is underway), oxygen cylinders, hearing protection, high visibility wet weather gear and much more.

The helipad is 23 x 27 metres in size which can accommodate the range of helicopters used in aeromedical retrievals in Australia.