Bigger polyclinic, new nursing home at Jurong health hub

Integrated facilities set to be ready by 2025; nursing home will also offer short-term care for elderly

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A new health hub will be built in Jurong that integrates a much bigger polyclinic with a 700-bed nursing home that will also provide short-term care for the elderly, as announced yesterday.

Announcing this yesterday, Senior Minister for Health Lam Xiang Nan said the move is timely, as the ageing population is older than the national average.

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To cater to them, the polyclinic will have wider corridors to allow wheelchair access to three levels of hospital beds. The new polyclinic will also be able to treat twice as many patients with chronic conditions like diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

The nursing home will be next to the new Jurong Polyclinic to allow for synergy and some shared services.

Dr Ang Wei Neng, an MP for Jurong West (Punggol West), said the new facility will “significantly enhance services for elderly Singaporeans”.

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According to the National Population and Talent Board, there were 728,000 elderly persons in Singapore in 2020, making up 15 per cent of the population. This is expected to rise to 21 per cent by 2030.

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The polyclinic will have one main and two subsidiaries located at the Blue Ridge Mall in Pioneer Street.

Dr Ang said that the main polyclinic will have an extensive range of services while the other polyclinics will focus on specialties such as dermatology or urology.

There will also be an increased focus on dental care, with more visits and an expanded range of procedures.

As part of the plan to align them with best practices, the Ministry of Health will also be evaluating the needs of the Merdeka Generation.

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