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### Juravinski Centre — just for short

It must be challenging to be a big league baseball catcher. You give the signal to the pitcher to throw a fastball. He nods his agreement.

Then, all of a sudden, a curve ball comes hurtling at you, going 70 miles per hour.

That's kind of what happened Wednesday at a major ceremony to announce the new name for St. Joseph's new mental health complex on West 5th on the Mountain.

No sooner had St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton CEO Kevin Smith announced to the crowd that the \$581-million facility would be known as the Margaret and Charles Juravinski Centre for Integrated Healthcare when Charles Juravinski decided to throw a bit of a changeup.

"I'm suggesting here and now, and Margaret, I hope you don't mind," said the craggy, deeply tanned philanthropist sporting a mustard-coloured blazer and white tasselled loafers, "that we save a little bit of money and get rid of the Margaret and get rid of the Charles and simply call it the Juravinski Centre for Integrated Healthcare."

Nice idea. But, unfortunately, they had already finished a big temporary sign, among many other things, using the longer name.

After at first agreeing to Juravinski's wishes for a shortened name, a spokesperson later on Wednesday said hospital officials had decided to stick with the original, longer version.

Here's a look at the Margaret and Charles Juravinski Centre for Integrated Healthcare:

**What:** A mental health and medical care centre

**Purpose:** To diagnose, treat and prevent mental health and addiction problems and house McMaster University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences

**Where:** 100 West 5th

**Opens:** Summer 2014

**Progress so far:** Wednesday was also "topping off" ceremony, a construction tradition that celebrates the completion of a building's structure

**Total cost:** \$581 million (from governments and fundraising)

**Juravinski contribution:** \$10 million to St. Joseph's is the largest single donation ever to the hospital. It will be used for the mental health centre, health-care research and the "pursuit of surgical excellence" in the hospital's new surgical centre. The portion for the mental health centre has not been determined.

**Size:** 800,000 square feet

**Beds:** 305

**Waste generated so far:** 27,150 tonnes of waste, of which 26,863 tonnes (98.94 per cent) has been recycled or reused; waste diverted from landfill would weigh almost as much as the Titanic

**Employment:** 570 workers, ongoing; nearly 100,000 dedicated hours per month

**Concrete:** A total of 4,303 trucks have supplied nearly 40,000 cubic metres of concrete, which has all been poured; 4,000 tonnes of rebar has been placed in that concrete

**Shopping list:** 3,000 doors, 19,652 lights, 4,000 chairs, 1,500 filing cabinets, 1,200 tables, 1,000 desks and 3 kilometres of handrail in the new hospital

**Mental health:** The centre is being built out of a greater recognition in health-care circles about the prevalence and seriousness of mental health related problems in Canada. The Canadian Mental Health Commission recently released a first-ever national mental health strategy that calls for:

Earlier identification and treatment of mental illness

Increased access to mental health services for at-risk populations

Enhanced suicide prevention

An overall focus on stigma reduction

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