



Above: Phoenixville Hospital Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick features a full continuum of medical care specialties. The Center is located on Linfield-Trappe Road, minutes from the Limerick exit of Route 422.

# Phoenixville Hospital Extends Its Preeminent Reach

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*I*n the mid-1980s, Limerick Township was a rural village of 3,300 people. A desire to move further away from cities and large suburbs, coupled with the emergence of Limerick/Linfield Route 422 by-pass interchange, dramatically altered the community's size and demographic composition. Within 10 years population tripled, and by the 2000 census, more than 13,534 people called the stand-up-and-take-notice municipality home.

Progressive management and medical principals of nearby Phoenixville Hospital recognized an opportunity to reach out to this quickly sprouting segment of Western Montgomery County. The hospital, experiencing similar development, was prepared to take a pivotal expansion step. After diligent strategic planning, Phoenixville Hospital Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick opened in 1999.

Since then, a full continuum of medical care specialties has been added. Surgical services include general orthopedics, hand, plastic, vascular, podiatric, ENT, oral and maxillofacial, gynecologic, and urol-

ogy. Ophthalmology procedures, such as cataract, glaucoma, pediatric, ocu-  
loplastic, and retina are performed, as well. Specialties are: Phoenixville Pain Management Institute at Limerick led by Dr. Laurence Fitzhenry; Phoenixville Wound Care Center headed by Dr. Dennis T. Monteiro; Moore Eye Institute at Phoenixville Hospital led by Dr. Leonard Ginsburg; and The Philadelphia Hand Center. Drs. Sydney M. Jacoby and Leonid I. Katolik, a renowned trauma surgeon, are The Hand Center helmsmen.

The Limerick campus, conveniently located just off the 422 by-pass, consists of an Outpatient/



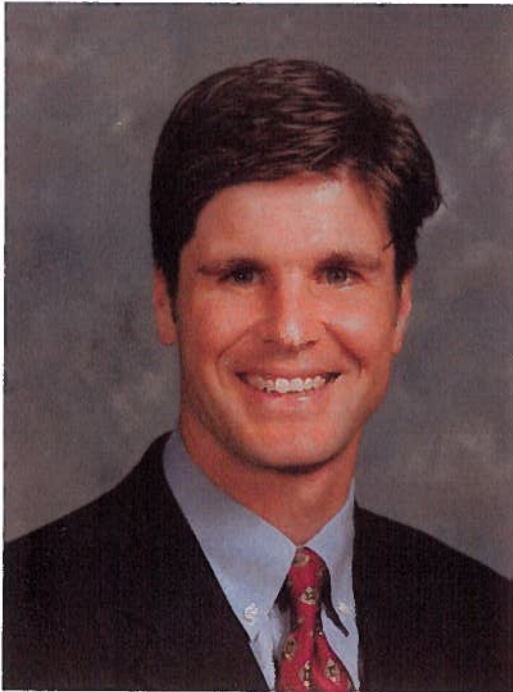
Diagnostic Center and a Surgery Center building connected by a walk-through corridor. Features of the Surgery Center include three operating rooms, two procedure rooms, and separate pre- and post-op areas.

A staff of acclaimed board-certified physicians, many available through Phoenixville Hospital's affiliation with University of Pennsylvania Health System, provides exceptional care compa-

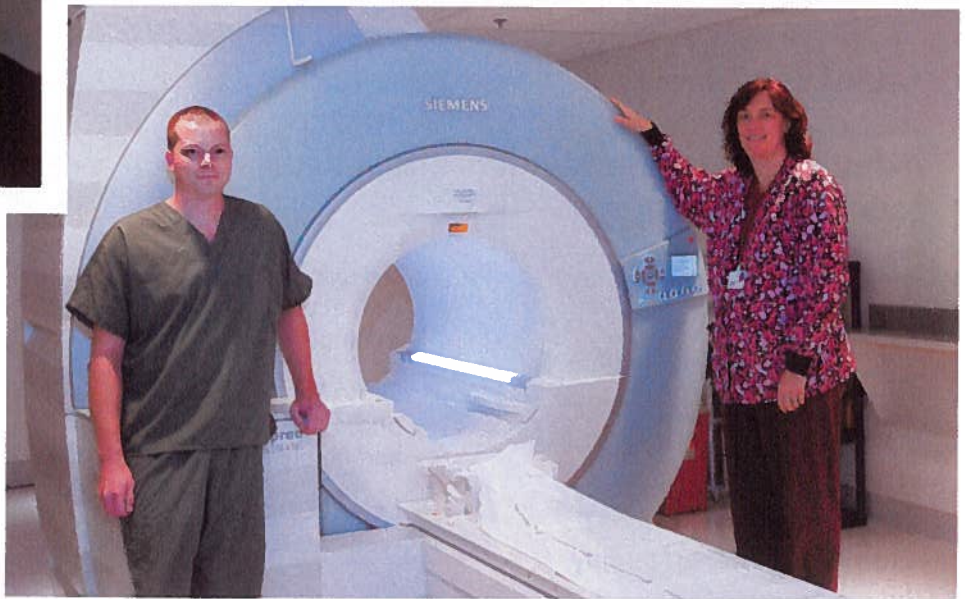


*Above: Renowned Orthopedic Surgeons Dr. Sidney Jacoby and Dr. Leonid Katolik are the "hands on" specialists from The Philadelphia Hand Center, an affiliate of Phoenixville Hospital. These extensively trained surgeons specialize in treating conditions and injuries affecting hands, wrists, arms, and elbows.*

*Below: Technologists Jesse J. Schwenk RT(R) (MR); and Sharon Morley-Rambo B.S.R.T.(R) (MR) take great pride in the Center's Open Bore High Field 1.5T MRI scanner that features more headroom and legroom than most other scanners.*



*Above: The Medical Director of the Phoenixville Hospital Pain Management Institute at Limerick is Laurence N. Fitzhenry, M.D., a highly-trained anesthesiologist specializing in pain management. The Institute is dedicated to the diagnosis, management, and treatment of acute and chronic pain.*



rable to that of major, Center City, medical institutions. A difference is the comfortable un-intimidating setting. "Patients love to come here," says Debra Sciarra, Clinical Director of Diagnostic Imaging Services. Dr. Katolik concurs. "The Limerick site doesn't look like a hospital, and people appear to be less anxious. They actually walk in smiling," he reports.

A major smile motivator is accessibility of top-notch healthcare in the neighborhood. Emblematic of this quality treatment is The Philadelphia Hand Center. Drs. Katolik and Jacoby frequently help people who had lost

hope. "For example," remarks Dr. Katolik, "reconstructive surgery for arthritic hands, wrists, and thumbs can enable patients to enjoy work and leisure activities without devastating pain. Many of our patients were told they just had to live with it."

The hand surgeons also treat trauma, nerve-related, and overuse syndrome cases. Their work with

hands and upper extremities entails fractures and dislocations, tendon injuries, tennis elbow, replantations and reattachments of amputations, congenital disorders, physical and occupational therapy, sports medicine, and carpal tunnel syndrome. "In cases presenting symptoms similar to those caused by overuse, it's important to be properly diagnosed," advises Dr.



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Jacoby. "A lot of conditions mimic each other. What seems like carpal tunnel could be arthritis or tendonitis. Once identified, we can recommend the best minimally invasive surgical or non-surgical solutions."

A new Phoenixville Hospital affiliation brings Moore Eye Institute to Limerick. Comprehensive care for patients of all ages covers diagnostic, advanced surgical, non-surgical treatment, and preventive education. Diabetic eye care, glaucoma treatment, retina remedies, pediatric ophthalmology, cataract and strabismus surgeries, and oculoplastics are among specialties offered.

Moore Eye Institute ophthalmologist Dr. Melissa Iglesias was recently named Director of Phoenixville Hospital Surgery Center at Limerick. A Philadelphia native, she completed training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. "I am excited to be Director," she says. "As an ophthalmologist, I know how important superior staff and state-of-the-art equipment are to successful surgical outcomes. I am impressed by the quality of the surgical team and world-class technology that Phoenixville Hospital has committed to the Surgery Center. I am happy to work with the team and physicians to serve patients and grow the center as it meets increasing demands."

One of these demands is healing wounds. The Wound Treatment and Healing Center based in Limerick is staffed with a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, who are dedicated to improving life quality for patients



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suffering from chronic wounds. The comprehensive program includes medical and surgical intervention, utilizing negative pressure wound therapy, skin substitutes, compression wraps, electrical stimulation, skin grafting, surgery, and physical therapy for lymphedema.

Dr. Monteiro, who joined Phoenixville Hospital in 1988, spearheaded the opening of The Wound Center. "I identified a growing need for high-level wound care in the community. An aging population and increased type II diabetes were catalysts to the launch in 2000. There is no reason patients should have to travel to Philadelphia for high-level care."



Above: The staff of the Wound Treatment and Healing Center provides medical and surgical solutions for patients with chronic wounds. Left to right: Marla Riegel, Administrative Assistant; Liz Wilson, LPN; Diane Sowell, RN; Dennis Monteiro, M.D., Medical Director; Donna Kolachny, Administrative Assistant; and Sandra MacBeth, RN Nurse Manager



Above: Dr. Melissa Iglesias, Medical Director of the Phoenixville Hospital Surgery Center at Limerick, is an ophthalmologist with the prestigious Moore Eye Institute, which has recently partnered with Phoenixville Hospital to bring comprehensive ophthalmological services to the community, including diabetic eye care, pediatric ophthalmology, cataract and strabismus surgeries, glaucoma treatment, and oculoplastics.



Right, Middle: Patients come first at the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Phoenixville Hospital's Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick. The experienced and accredited radiology team offers expert care to all patients.

Right, Bottom: The experienced staff of the Phoenixville Hospital Surgery Center at Limerick provides exceptional care in a comfortable environment. The Surgery Center includes three operating rooms, two procedure rooms, and separate pre-op and post-op areas.



In addition to individuals with diabetes, The Wound Center sees trauma, infection, vascular, burn, cancer, venous conditions, and pressure sore patients. Dr. Monteiro and his staff look at wounds as more than isolated problems. Each patient is examined so physicians understand overall health in order to reach conclusions of cause or intensification. Circulation may be evaluated with the use of advanced diagnostic tools, and bone infection determined by x-ray, CT, or MRI testing. Nurses teach patients or caregivers how to apply dressings, and what equipment may be necessary to heal wounds.

Another Limerick highlight is Diagnostic Imaging. People visit for digital mammography, diagnostic x-rays, ultrasound, dexascan (bone density tests), CT scans, and open MRI. There are more than 37,000 imaging procedures completed each year at the Limerick facility, and reports are sent to physicians within 24 hours of exams. All of the department's radiologists are members of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Health System Department of Radiology.

"We have the latest state-of-the-art equipment, and all of our technologists are accredited by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists®," points out Sciarra. "They are also specialty-certified for each modality, and our mammography, CT, and MRI services are fully accredited by American College of Radiology, which is of major importance in the industry."

In response to superlative services offered at Phoenixville Hospital Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick, patient volume has increased 10 to 15 percent each year. "We perform an average of 4,000 procedures annually," says Susan H. Anasiewicz, RN, BA, CPAN, Clinical Nurse Manager/Director. "Primary goals are patient safety and satisfaction. Although satisfaction is consistently 98 percent, we never stop striving for 100 percent."

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