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Upgrades to patient rooms, lobby and more mark Phoenixville Hospital's dedication to serving the community

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Phoenixville Hospital expansion highlighted by improvements to lobby and Women's Health Pavilion

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PHOENIXVILLE — From technology and infrastructure to hospitality and service, Phoenixville Hospital is committed to adapting and improving to serve the local community, as evidenced by their recent expansion projects. Through research and listening to their patients, families, and visitors, the hospital has sought ways to improve the hospital experience, and developments to their Women's Health Pavilion and North Tower lobby have marked these efforts. One improvement offers new mothers more privacy, while the other provides a more friendly, open environment. Both renovations are focused on what matters most — the people.

Spotlighting the changing needs of their patients, the hospital has followed through on facility enhancements. Phoenixville hospital is now in Phase II of a \$90 million expansion project, which includes reconfiguring and expanding the Women's Health Pavilion, renovating the North



Photo provided by Phoenixville Hospital
Phoenixville Hospital is now in Phase II of a \$90 million expansion project, which includes reconfiguring and expanding the Women's Health Pavilion, renovating the North Tower lobby and adding a physicians' lounge to the hospital.

Tower lobby and adding a physicians' lounge to the hospital. Phase I of the ex-

pansion concluded last fall with the opening of the new emergency department with FastTrak and bedside registration, a South Tower heart station, cardiac and pulmonary rehab suite, 24-bed ICU, all-private medical/surgical telemetry units, a new medical office building and a parking garage.

Construction is currently underway on the second floor of North Tower to completely transform the Women's Health Pavilion to make it even more family friendly. The highlight of the project will be creating 14 private post-delivery rooms.

"We are very excited to unveil our new Women's Health Pavilion to the community," said Dr. Sally Strzelecki, chief nursing officer. "Our long-standing commitment to providing exceptional care to our patients will be further strengthened by this new space, which provides families with a more private, comfortable and family-oriented space following childbirth."

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On the cover...

Mary Louise Mancini, clinical nurse manager, Women's Health Pavilion; Dr. Sally Strzelecki, chief nursing officer, and CEO Steve Tullman proudly unveil Phoenixville Hospital's new private post-partum rooms. The newly expanded rooms offer more private space for new moms and their visitors and feature sleep sofas for dads to spend the night with their families. Upon completion of the construction in January 2011, the entire hospital will feature private rooms as well as wireless access.

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Phoenixville Hospital expands services, improves facilities

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This news is especially valuable to expectant parents and soon-to-be expectant parents in our community. All of the new rooms will be completely private with sleep sofas for dads who wish to spend the night. The larger rooms will accommodate more visitors and will have wireless access.

Privacy is certainly valued for families who are going through such a significant event.

"The renovations will allow patients to enjoy their new family in a more private environment where they can learn about and adapt to caring for their newborn child," said Dr. Alan Silverberg, medical director of the Women's Health Pavilion. "They will be able to recover in a nurturing manageable fashion with nursing and physician guidance to enable them to prepare for their futures at home."

Completing the new Women's Health Pavilion will be a new family lounge, a larger nurse's station and new office space for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Neonatal Intensive Care Unit medical director. While it is imperative that the facilities can accommodate new mothers, it is the professional staff that exuded a team philosophy that makes the hospital shine.

"Our Women's Pavilion team includes 60 nurses, housekeeping and dietary staff who all work together to meet the needs of our patients," said Mary Louise Mancini, clinical nurse manager. "The new rooms are larger and brighter and provide a more family-friendly environment, which is complemented by an experienced, compassion-

ate team of physicians, nurses and staff."

On the first floor of the hospital, North Tower construction in the lobby is currently underway. Improvements include new flooring and furnishings, a larger patient registration area and a reconfigured information desk. This reinvigorating facelift enriches patient benefits such as more waiting room space and easier traffic flow for patients and visitors. The Gift Box store will remain in the North Tower Lobby, as will the many "open to the public" sales and events sponsored by the Phoenixville Hospital Auxiliary each year.

The Phoenixville Hospital expansion is an extension of the cutting-edge philosophy employed in minds and practices of the hospital staff. An example of this is the implementation of the Da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, introduced in November 2006 and upgraded this past summer. This innovative technology has generated referrals from Montgomery, (See PHOENIXVILLE on D9)



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Pictured above is a composite image of the North Tower lobby renovations. Pictured at bottom left is a rendering of one of Phoenixville Hospital's new private post-partum rooms.



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Phoenixville Hospital offers innovation

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Chester and Delaware counties, and has placed the hospital as a leading provider of this advanced care.

"Phoenixville Hospital has one of the largest robotic surgery programs in the Philadelphia region," said Steve Tullman, CEO. "In 2007 we performed around 100 robotic surgeries. This year we are projected to perform at least 300."

The increase in surgeries can be linked to the direct benefits of the procedural technology.

"Our highly trained surgeons champion our robotic surgery program because it is minimally invasive and offers a faster recovery time for patients," Tullman said. "Our broad robotic surgery program includes women's health, men's health, CT, general surgery, and now ENT surgery, which is expanding our applications for the robot."

By fusing advanced medical systems, structural improvements and a committed, well-trained staff, Phoenixville Hospital has built a robust and vibrant community resource. Working in unison with The Phoenixville Hospital Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick, the network for care is extensive. With clinical affiliations with University of Pennsylvania Health System, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Hand Center, and Moore Eye Institute, the hospital provides comprehensive medical services



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Pictured above is the south entrance to Phoenixville Hospital. The Phoenixville Hospital Outpatient & Surgery Center is located in nearby Limerick.

through approximately 25,000 emergency room visits, 8,200 inpatient admissions, and more than 700 community outreach programs annually.

For more information about Phoenixville Hospital, visit www.phoenixvillehospital.com or call 610-983-1000.



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