



Investment in Our Communities Through New Construction and Technology

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As a leading provider of health care services, Inspira has more than 100 years of experience enhancing access to the latest technology and programs to fulfill its mission of improving the health of individuals and families throughout the region. Investing in both state-of-the-art facilities and new patient-centered technologies is essential to our mission.

We have served as a leader in cancer care for more than 30 years because we know how important comprehensive cancer services are to the communities we serve. The nationally accredited Frank and Edith Scarpa Cancer Pavilion at Inspira Medical Center Vineland has provided exceptional oncology services since 2005.

Now, at Inspira Medical Center Woodbury, we are opening a state-of-the-art radiation therapy center later this year, making the latest radiation oncology services available to Gloucester County residents. The 6,000 square foot pavilion is the first in the region to feature a SmartVue™ Natural Light Solution, which provides a large window—in the treatment room—that looks over a landscaped garden. Our goal is to promote a sense of well-being for patients as they prepare for their treatments.

Another example of our willingness to invest, to meet both current and anticipated needs of our patients, is the brand new senior emergency department at Inspira Vineland. It's the first emergency department in the Delaware Valley focused exclusively on seniors. This 6,000 square foot pacesetter care center will also expand the overall capacity of the emergency department by adding 11 beds and a separate waiting area.

Just as our youngest patients benefit from our distinct pediatric ERs in Vineland and Woodbury, the new facility has been designed to meet the unique needs of those 65 and older through redesigned accommodations and amenities, such as comfortable furniture, soft natural lighting and a specially trained staff. The new senior ER is also responsive to the growing demand for overall emergency department services and will help enhance the patient experience for ER patients of all ages.

I will also take this opportunity to tell you about two other significant projects that are underway. In response to the growing need for drug treatment services, fueled in big part by the devastating opioid crisis, Inspira will open the region's first inpatient medical detoxification and addiction treatment center at Inspira Health Center Bridgeton. While not limited to treatment of opioid addiction, this 18-bed unit will be a valuable resource for those seeking help.

Along with this new inpatient center, we also are completing construction on a 6,600 square foot expansion to our existing Bridgeton emergency department crisis unit. This expansion will help us better serve the needs of patients who are experiencing a mental health crisis, while enhancing the patient experience for everyone seeking emergency care. Both of these projects are scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

Of course our biggest current investment is the construction of our five-story, \$349 million 466,000 square foot Inspira Medical Center Mullica Hill, located on 100 acres near the junction of U.S. Route 322 and N.J. Route

55, adjacent to the West Campus of Rowan University. We broke ground on May 24, began pouring concrete earlier this month and will open in winter 2019. Through innovative design, the latest in medical and communication technologies, and input from our physicians, staff, and community, we will usher in a new era of health care in Gloucester County.

There is one more recent investment that I will share with you. Inspira Vineland recently added a new da Vinci robotic surgical system that has two control consoles, giving our experienced robotic surgeons the ability to share procedures with a surgical resident. With master control vested in the mentor surgeon, this new system allows more hands-on training opportunities for the next generation of surgeons. After performing thousands of robotic procedures on our Vineland campus since 2010, we recently introduced robotic surgery at Inspira Medical Center Woodbury. Now our Gloucester County patients can benefit from a growing number of less invasive robot-assisted procedures that can result in faster healing and less scarring.

For each of these investments I have highlighted, careful consideration was given to how they would foster healthier families and communities in our region. As a mission-driven organization, we must always ask ourselves how will each investment we make benefit the communities we serve.



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