



Inspira's new medical center will foster collaboration with Rowan University

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Maintaining good health is one of the most important things that you can do to lead a happy life. So when your loved ones need medical care, you want to make sure that they receive the best possible services. At Inspira Health Network, we realize how important this is and that's why we're dedicated to providing quality care that improves the lives of everyone in our community.

We deliver on that promise by expanding our quality services in our communities where our neighbors need them. But we can't just grow. We also need to continually improve the care we provide so that you don't need to travel to find the high quality care your family deserves.

Recently, we made an announcement that will elevate the quality of care we provide even further: Inspira Health Network will build a state-of-the-art medical center in Mullica Hill at the intersection of Routes 322 and 55. I am extremely proud to lead our organization during this project because I am confident it will enhance the way that we provide care to thousands of families across our region.

Inspira Medical Center Mullica Hill will be a modern, 350,000 square-foot hospital with approximately 200 beds. It will feature all private rooms, advanced surgical suites, a home-like maternity center and a spacious emergency department with a dedicated ER for kids. Our new medical center will also be equipped with leading-edge digital technologies that will not only provide you with added comfort, but will also help us to better coordinate your care.

Another important feature of our new medical center that will change the way healthcare is delivered in our region is its location. Building next

to Rowan University's west campus offers unique opportunities for Inspira and Rowan to collaborate and improve lives.

Education and health care are important economic engines in our region and are both essential to helping people lead better lives. By working together, we can build a more experienced and educated workforce, enhance economic growth in our region and improve the health and well-being of everyone we serve. In fact, Rowan University President Ali Houshmand and I feel so strongly about this opportunity that we have developed an affiliation agreement that will guide us in developing collaborations to further our missions.

One of the most exciting aspects of our agreement is our commitment to offer students valuable medical education experiences in a modern hospital next to Rowan's campus. Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine currently serves as the Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution and academic sponsor of Inspira's residency programs in Vineland. Inspira is also a clinical rotation site for Rowan/SOM undergraduate medical students. Expanding this relationship with Rowan will give Inspira the opportunity to provide additional placements in our new hospital for their two growing medical schools.

Our agreement extends beyond Rowan's medical schools to develop a variety of undergraduate internships and educational opportunities in business, health care management, information systems, bio-medical engineering, nursing and allied health on our campus. As a part of the purchase agreement for our property, Inspira is making a financial investment in these internship opportunities to help advance education on and around our campus.

Another important aspect of this agreement is the pursuit of research. Our affiliation will allow us to partner with Rowan to advance research opportunities in areas such as healthcare delivery, population health, medical devices, biomedical sciences and engineering, data analytics and clinical trials.

This is an exciting project for our community and our next steps are to gain state approval and finalize the medical center's design. We estimate that construction of the facility will take approximately three years. Once completed, hospital services will move from Inspira Medical Center Woodbury to the new site, with a variety of services remaining in Woodbury, including a satellite Emergency Department.

Many people have asked me, and I must reiterate that we are fully committed to providing care in the city of Woodbury. In fact, a significant portion of this project will be dedicated to enhancing our current site. We recently made an investment to support the redevelopment process in the city and we look forward to working with Woodbury and other local officials to explore growth opportunities on our campus.

Ultimately, we hope that by working with community partners like the city of Woodbury and Rowan University, we can continue to enhance economic growth in our region and improve the health and well-being of everyone we serve. For more information, please visit our website at InspiraHealthNetwork.org.



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