

CheckUp

Site & Facilities

March 31, 1995

CheckUp Extra is a publication that focuses on site and facilities changes at Lehigh Valley Hospital. To provide hospital personnel with timely information about the renovation and relocation of various services, and the employees affected by those changes, CheckUp Extra will appear as a supplement in the regular CheckUp newsletter and as a separate publication on alternate weeks.

Cedar Crest & I-78

GI Unit Nearing Completion

Contractors are putting the finishing touches on the new GI Endoscopy Unit and preparing to install a stone floor at its entrance.

To facilitate this part of the project, direct access to the main lobby via Stairwell #4 has been temporarily restricted until April 9.

Employees can, however, use Stairwell #4 to exit the hospital and then use the main entrance to reach the lobby.

A staff reception on April 7 will mark the opening of the new GI unit which will have a capacity of up to six treatment rooms.

Lobby Renovations Under Review

Facilities and construction personnel are reevaluating the new design of the main lobby, and the materials that will be used in the process.

The project, which is expected to begin in mid May, will be completed in phases to allow uninterrupted access to admissions and other areas of the hospital.

Meanwhile, the partial installation of the lobby's stone floor is already in progress in the area behind the lobby's temporary east wall. The same material is being used to finish the floor at the entrance to the GI Lab.

Concurrent Projects Illustrate Domino Effect

Design work continues for the hospital's new Pediatric Department which will eventually occupy 4B.

In the interim, 4B will be demolished in phases, beginning in late April, in the section now occupied by the GI Lab. As noted earlier, the lab will relocate to new quarters on the first floor off of the main lobby.

Subsequently, the medical/surgical unit on 4B will move to 7C, an area now occupied by the Nephrology Unit. The Nephrology Unit is moving across the hall to 7A. As much as 75 percent of 7A, which previously housed the Short Procedure Unit, was demolished and redesigned to accommodate dialysis patients in 13 patient rooms, five of which remain to be renovated.

Design Development Begins for 6B, Continues for 7B

The redesign of 6B as a patient-centered care unit is currently under consideration. The project, which will be phased-in and include patient rooms, center core and hallways, is expected to span 14 weeks once construction begins.

Meanwhile, the design development of 7B continues with work scheduled to begin April 3. Five to six rooms will be taken out of service as phased construction of the center core and hallways begins. The project is expected to be completed in late June.

Preview The Progress

During an Open House in the new

GI Endoscopy Unit

First Floor, CC & I-78

**Friday, April 7
11 am - 1 pm**

Join the staff of the GI Unit for refreshments and tours of the new 9,000 square foot facility, which features six procedure areas and 12 patient preparation rooms.

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Health Spectrum Pharmacy Expanding Services, Hours

Effective April 3, Health Spectrum Pharmacy will begin to fill outpatient (employee, LVH worker's compensation, Hill Burton) prescriptions, replacing a service that was previously provided by the inpatient pharmacy at CC & I-78.

And, in response to the requests of subscribers to Choice Plus and the Lehigh Valley Health Network Health Plan, Health Spectrum Pharmacy will extend its hours of operation to Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. The new hours go into effect April 8.

Health Spectrum Pharmacy has also enhanced its customer services by installing a drop box outside the pharmacy for employees who want to drop off new prescriptions and refill numbers during off-hours. In addition, employees can now E-mail refill numbers 24-hours-a-day through the bulletin board under LVH forms.

The pharmacy has also initiated a new contact lens program which allows employees to purchase replacement lenses at savings of up to 65 percent.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding these services, please E-mail Joseph Borgioni.

Pneumatic Tube System Expands

In June, the GI Lab, Pharmacy, 6B, 6C, 7A and 7B will be linked to the pneumatic tube system which also connects the Emergency Department with the Laboratory and Microlab, Shock-Trauma and the Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units. The system, which is similar to the compressed air chutes used in drive-through banks, enables departments to send lab specimens, test results and supplies from one part of the hospital to another. Eventually, the system will link 26 "stations" network-wide.

17th & Chew

Perinatal Unit To Open

Specialized care for women with complications of pregnancy will be provided in the new Perinatal Unit which is scheduled to open April 10. The patient population in this all-private 10-bed unit will include patients with pregnancy-related complications, both antepartum and postpartum. Patients will transfer from this unit to the Labor-Delivery-Recovery suites for their actual labor and delivery. In addition, the unit can provide an alternative to the Mother-Baby Unit for the mothers of infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Air Conditioning Project In Progress

Work is proceeding on the installation of a new chilled water distribution system and 800-ton chiller to improve air conditioning for newly-remodeled areas at 17th & Chew. The project will continue through May.

Outpatient Peds, NICU Renovations

Renovations of Outpatient Peds and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will begin in mid April. The projects are designed to provide operating efficiencies.

Please Join Us

for a Reception
and
Special Preview of the new

Perinatal Unit

3rd Floor, 17th & Chew

Wednesday, April 5
7-9 am

Employees, physicians and volunteers are invited to attend the reception and join the perinatal staff for guided tours of the new unit and a continental breakfast. To enter the Perinatal Unit, take the red elevator to the 3rd floor.