

CheckUp Extra!

November 4, 1994

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

New Offices Under Construction

Volunteers, clinical nutrition personnel and the patient representative will relocate to new offices on the first floor of the Anderson Wing pending their completion in mid-November. A work area for social work personnel is also under construction at this location, which was previously occupied by Risk Management and Human Resource Development.

Roadwork Continues On Cedar Crest Boulevard

Contractors have completed Phase 3 and are proceeding with Phase 4 of a six-part project to ease the flow of traffic and improve automotive safety along Cedar Crest Boulevard and the hospital's main access road.

During Phase 3, which was completed Oct. 30, the intersection of the hospital's main entry drive and Cedar Crest Boulevard was widened to facilitate traffic flow into and out of the hospital campus. Meanwhile, the inbound and outbound main and south access roads to the hospital are being widened during Phase 4, now in progress and continuing through Nov. 11.

Phase 5 will begin Nov. 12 and include the installation of a median in the center of the hospital's main access road along with two islands to ease traffic in and out of the hospital. The project will be suspended during the winter months and resume in April 1995 for the sixth and final phase when the Cedar Crest Boulevard southbound left-turn lane will be extended.

Research Department Relocates

The Research Department has relocated from the General Services Building to Suite 407 on the fourth floor of the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center. Please note this new office location for the following personnel:

James Reed III, PhD	ext. 8889
Thomas Wasser	ext. 8889
Kathleen Moser	ext. 8747
Lori Fink	ext. 8892
Pamela Robson	ext. 8889

Construction To Begin On GI Lab

The construction of a new GI Lab will begin Nov. 10 in space now occupied by Conference Rooms 5 and 6 and the area that housed the former management and nursing administration offices, located off the main lobby.

Receiving/Distribution Functions Consolidated

Effective Oct. 31, most receiving and distribution functions performed at the 17th & Chew storeroom shifted to Cedar Crest & I-78. By consolidating all storeroom function at one site, the hospital expects to eliminate thousands of dollars in duplicate inventory costs.

Pastoral Care Associate Director Relocates

The Rev. Emily Jean Gilbert, Associate Director of Pastoral Care, has relocated to Cedar Crest & I-78 and can now be reached at ext. 8470, via Email, beeper #1227 or by calling the main office at ext. 8465.



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OB Faculty Waiting Area Completed

The OB Faculty waiting area has been completed and, at press time, was being inspected by officials of the State Department of Health. The south corridor of the first floor Schaeffer Wing, which had been restricted to the OB faculty group during construction, has reopened to pedestrian traffic.

Access To Schaeffer Wing Restricted

As renovations to the Short Procedure Unit continue, the OR area, PACU, GI Lab and Pediatrics Clinic on the 2nd floor Schaeffer Wing will only be accessible via the green elevator. Egress changes and evacuation plans have been posted at the construction partitions. The project will proceed through early December.

Transitional Skilled Unit Update

Contractors are in the process of gutting 5T, the future site of the Lehigh Valley Transitional Skilled Unit. The unit will serve medically stable patients who no longer require acute hospital care but are not well enough to be discharged home or transferred to a traditional nursing home. Scheduled for occupancy in early 1995, the 26-bed unit will provide nursing and rehabilitative services for predominantly elderly and disabled patients. Transitional skilled care is a cost-effective alternative to inpatient care since the intensity of around-the-clock care is less than in an inpatient setting.