

CheckUp Extra!

Site & Facilities

December 30, 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

Wall Goes Up; Work Continues On GI Lab

To facilitate the construction of the new GI Lab, in the area previously occupied by administrative offices, a temporary wall has been erected parallel to and approximately 12 feet in front of the existing west wall.

The temporary wall does not limit access to the admissions office, elevators or to the Anderson Wing. However, it has affected the lobby's seating capacity; the built-in seats have been replaced with freestanding chairs.

The construction of the GI lab, with a capacity for up to six treatment rooms, will continue through March.

As work proceeds on the new GI Lab, renovations of the main lobby will begin. Tentatively scheduled for mid-January, the project will be completed in phases to allow uninterrupted access to admissions and other areas of the hospital. As a result, the lobby will, at times, resemble a series of tunnels. However, this was considered a more practical alternative to re-routing patients and visitors to other hospital entrances. The end-result will be a bright, airy and modern lobby featuring comfortable new furnishings and other attractive decor.

Traffic Signals, Signage Reflect New Traffic Patterns

New operational traffic signals and signage have been installed to reflect the changes in traffic patterns along Cedar Crest Boulevard and the hospital's main access road. The changes result from an extensive road construction project initiated by the hospital to ease the flow of traffic and improve

automotive safety inside and adjacent to the hospital campus. Please remember that there are two left-turn outbound lanes.

Pneumatic Tube System Installed

Contractors have completed the installation of a pneumatic tube system for sending lab specimens, test results and supplies from one part of the hospital to another. The system, similar to the compressed air chutes used in drive-through banks, connects the Emergency Department with the Laboratory and Microlab, Shock Trauma and the Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units. Employees are now being trained in the use of the pneumatic tube system which will be operational in late January.

Trees To Line Hospital Entrance

About 12 large trees will be planted behind the hospital's new entrance sign (which will be installed near the ballfield) while an additional 10 ornamental trees will be planted in the median strip at the entrance to the hospital's main access road. Planting has been postponed until ground conditions improve.

Cafeteria Upgrades Planned

A series of minor projects are planned to enhance cafeteria and food service functions. To avoid disruptions in service, the projects will be completed during evening hours beginning with improvements to the tray drop area on January 2.

Sprinkler System Installation Continues

A riser is being installed in Stairwell #4 for a wet sprinkler system that will service the new GI Lab. Other risers will serve 7A, 5C, 4B and eventually the entire hospital.

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Cardiac Cath Lab #1 To Be Upgraded

The renovation of Cardiac Cath Lab #1 has begun and will include an expansion of the lab and equipment replacement.

17th & Chew

Work To Begin On Antepartum Unit

Work is about to begin on a new high-risk Antepartum Unit in the area previously occupied by the Labor and Delivery Unit. The antepartum unit will serve women who require hospitalization during pregnancy.

Kitchen Exhaust To Be Upgraded

Several exhaust and supply air projects are being planned to improve the temperature and ventilation in the food preparation and tray make-up areas. The projects will begin in January.

Water Distribution System Planned

A new chilled water distribution system and 800 ton chiller project is ready to begin and is designed to improve air conditioning for newly-remodeled areas.

Elsewhere

HPDP Moves To 1243 Bldg.

The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Department has relocated from the Wellness Center to Suite 3209 on the third floor of the 1243 building. Staff members based at the department's new quarters include:

Jane Nester, Director, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
David Zimmerman, Coordinator, Nicotine Dependence and Stress Management
Greg Salem, Coordinator, Fitness and Exercise
Judith Thieme, Coordinator, Nutrition and Weight Control
Sandra Barillo, Health Educator
Christina Kobylinski, Staff Assistant
Terri Kraft, Office Coordinator

Within the hospital, department members can now be reached at ext. 5960 or via fax 5966. (Outside the hospital, dial (610) 402-5960 (phone) or (610) 402-5966 (fax).

In addition, mail can be addressed to the staff at 1243 South Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 3209, Allentown, PA 18103-7982.

Please Join Us

for a Reception and Special Preview of the new

Ambulatory Surgery Unit

Second Floor Tower, 17th & Chew

Wednesday, January 4 — 6:30-7:30 pm
(Members, Department of Surgery and OB/Gyn)

Thursday, January 5 — 6:30-7:30 pm
(ASU Staff Members and their families and Anesthesiology)

Friday, January 6 — 12-1 pm
(Physician Office Managers)

Friday, January 6 — 2-3 pm
(Entire Hospital Family)