A look back on the construction of the Emory University Hospital Tower

Construction of the new Emory University Hospital Tower began in 2012 with the demolition of the Emory University sorority houses on Gambrell Drive, removal of trees in front of Emory Clinic B and the redesign of Woodruff Circle. When crews broke ground on the Emory University Hospital Tower in 2013, they removed 78,000 cubic yards of dirt and filling materials to make way for the new building and parking garage.

Committed to sustainability in construction, recycling of materials was the top priority. Fixtures from the sorority houses were collected by the Lifecycle Building Center for repurposing, some trees were replanted while older trees were turned into mulch and 133 new trees were planted around campus.

Woodruff Circle incorporated a bioswale into its redesign to help with water runoff, and the dirt and filling materials were used to build a new soccer field at the Fugees Academy in Clarkston, Ga.

The interior design for the tower began in January 2015. Physicians, nurses, direct support care providers, administrators, and patient and family advisors provided feedback on everything from cabinet location, window and door sizes, and flooring, to outlet and light switch placement.

In June 2017, more than 100 Emory Healthcare employees from 15 departments worked together practicing response strategies to real-life, hospital-related scenarios, such as a visitor falling on the escalator, a patient undergoing a CT scan and a spill in the restroom, in order to test the systems before accepting patients.

The Emory University Hospital Tower welcomed its first inpatient, Crystal McCollum, Saturday, August 26. From August – October, 159 patients have moved from Emory University Hospital to the new tower.

Thank you to the many teams who dedicated their time and expertise to make the opening of the new Emory University Hospital Tower a success!
Check out our progress!

Welcome to the Emory University Hospital Tower! The new tower houses transplant and oncology services, as well as a complement of critical care units.

The 450,000-square-foot, $400 million, state-of-the-art facility joins Emory University Hospital via a two-story bridge crossing Clifton Road, allowing the hospital to expand its services and expert care, while creating an integrated, welcoming and spacious environment for patients and their families. The bridges and connectors connect the EUH addition to Emory Clinic and the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University.

The hospital addition has opened its doors to patients, and it contains 232 patient beds, 40 of which are critical care beds. Patients receiving care for cancer, including surgical, medical oncology and bone marrow transplant, are cared for in the Tower by physicians and staff from the Winship Cancer Institute, the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Georgia. Kidney, liver and pancreas transplant patients also are treated in the Tower, expanding Georgia's most comprehensive transplant program.

Included in the new hospital tower are diagnostic and treatment spaces, Anesthesiology Pre-operative Services and Radiology. The Radiance Boutique at Winship and retail pharmacy have moved into the tower, offering a more centralized shopping experience for guests. The Clifton Café offers multiple dining options, including a chef's table with a teaching kitchen for patients, visitors and staff. And, the new Lowergate West parking deck, located below the Tower, contains 500 additional parking spaces.

With patient- and family-centered care top of mind, staff, physicians and patient family advisors (PFAs) have spent hours designing, not just patient care rooms, but all aspects of hospital operations to ensure the best possible patient experience and work environment. Careful planning and detail have gone into the design of each room, furniture, equipment and the surrounding care environment.

**Assignment of patient care units by floor**

- Level 9 – Bone Marrow Transplant
- Level 8 – Hematology and Medical Oncology
- Level 7 – Surgical Specialties, including Oncology, Urology, Gynecology and Gynecological Oncology
- Level 6 – Solid Organ Transplant (kidney, liver and pancreas)
- Level 5 – Critical Care
- Level 4 – Future development
- Level 3 – Future development
- Level 2 – Food Services and Retail
- Level 1 – Admissions, Anesthesiology Pre-op Clinic and Radiology
- Underground parking

**For more information**

To learn more about the new Hospital Tower, visit: emoryhealthcare.org/expansion.

Have a question? Email us at: communications@emoryhealthcare.org.

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**THE PATIENT- AND FAMILY-CENTERED FACILITY INCLUDES:**

- 232 patient beds.
- 450,000 square feet and nine levels.
- Patient care units for cancer and transplant.
- Diagnostic and treatment spaces.
- ICU rooms.
- General medical/surgery rooms.
- 500 underground parking spaces.
- A new pedestrian bridge concourse connecting Emory University Hospital, Emory Clinic and the Winship Cancer Institute to the new Hospital Tower.

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**450** The number of individuals who participated in an array of standing and ad-hoc committees, as well as user groups, to help in the planning and design of the Tower. These teams provided input based on operational efficiencies for clinical care teams, enhancing the patient/family experience, evaluating infrastructure and consideration of space planning opportunities for our care models.