New "West Wing" at New York Hospital Queens Brings World Class Facilities for Patients and Families

he "West Wing" is officially open at New York Hospital Queens, with patients occupying new units in the the state-of-the-art facility, visitors and guests enjoying the stunning new atrium lobby and convenient main entrance, and physicians praising the design of new ambulatory surgery and other facilities for procedures.

The new seven-floor facility has 190,000 square feet, and adds 80 certified patient beds, bringing the hospital's total to 519. This construction, plus a three level parking facility, was completed in 40 months. The total cost of the project was approximately \$210 million.

"This is a time of extraordinary challenge for every hospital in the country. It took a great deal of support and perseverance to bring this facility to completion in the midst of a serious recession and the unknowns of health care reform," said Stephen S. Mills, president and chief executive officer. "Right here in Oueens we saw several institutions close while our expansion project was underway. This drove us to create an environment where our community can be confident they will have access to trusted expertise, advanced technology, and a level of quality and service that will help them heal close to home," he added.

Features of the new wing include



medical/surgical units with private and semi-private rooms, and the centralization of the hospital's high demand cardiovascular and orthopedic services. To increase patient access and convenience, the ground floor includes a new ambulatory surgery center with 10 new operating rooms and 33 recovery beds. The expansion also increases the hospital's overall capacity to perform surgical and interventional procedures with a unique hybrid operating suite for endovascular and interventional radiology procedures



that can be converted to perform vascular procedures in the same room, whenever the need arises.

The wing includes a number of amenities designed to ease access for patients and families. A spectacular four-lane drop off and entryway is located on Main Street, near the corner of Booth Memorial Avenue. A new lobby welcomes visitors with messages in the languages used in the diverse neighborhoods of Queens County.

"People in Queens deserve the best healthcare available anywhere, and our medical staff and employees have worked very hard to have NYHQ be the hospital of choice for physicians and patients in this community," said Mills. "This new facility and everything we have invested in it gives us an opportunity to increase the number of people we can care for – safely, conveniently, and close to where they live or work," he added.

New York Hospital Queens is a member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System and an affiliate of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

The facility was designed by Perkins Eastman, one of the top architecture and design firms in the world. The firm prides itself on inventive and compassionate design that enhances the quality of the human experience and

enriches whole communities. According to Frank Gunther AIA, Principal-in-Charge at Perkins Eastman, "The completion of the West Wing at New York Hospital Queens is the culmination of five years of collaboration between a visionary client and a committed design team. The state-of-the-art facility creates a new public face for the hospital that truly reflects the high level of care within it."

"The design of the new West Wing at New York Hospital Queens combines the latest in medical technology with a holistic approach to healing. Patients and visitors will feel embraced upon arrival, and will experience an unparallel quality of care in spaces that are light-filled and soothing," Gunther added.