COMING IN 2015!

Project BRIGHT Talking Points #1: New 2 Surgical Patient Care Unit

The new surgical building will open this year! The second floor of this building will include a new inpatient care unit. We have been working hard on all the details associated with patient care flow, staffing, equipment, supply and work flow details and we know there are a lot of questions about the new unit. We have developed a series of talking points to keep everyone updated on these details as we finalize them.

- The new unit will be called: 2 Surgical.
- There will be 30 private patient rooms.
- Six rooms are designated and equipped for Intensive Care (SICU).
- Nine rooms are designated and equipped for Progressive Care (SPCU).
- Fifteen rooms are designated and equipped for general surgical patients.
- The addition of 30 new all-private rooms will allow the organization to convert the current semi-private rooms in the inpatient tower into private rooms.
- We have established the staffing plan for the new unit and completed our evaluation of how to convert the current semi-private rooms to private rooms.

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• Converting the current semi-private rooms to private rooms will decrease the number of patient beds on 3rd, 4th and 5th floor. These beds will transition over to the new unit.
• We are not increasing the total number of patient beds we have available.
• We are increasing the number of beds that can be used for critical care or progressive level of care.
• Our current surgical critical care and progressive level of care patients will be cared for in the new 2 Surgical unit.
• Our current medical critical and PCU level of care will remain in our current ICU and PCU.
• The higher acuity inpatient surgical patients will be cared for in the new 2 Surgical unit.
• We have established the staffing plan for 2 Surgical. We will be hiring staff from other units to fill these positions.
• We have established updated staffing plans for 3rd, 4th, 5th, ICU and PCU as patients currently cared for in those units will transition their care to the new 2 Surgical unit.
• We are not decreasing our clinical staff positions. We will be transitioning staff who want to work on the new 2 Surgical unit and rebalancing staff, if needed, to match our new staffing plans for 3rd, 4th, 5th, ICU and PCU.
• Once staff have been selected for the new 2 Surgical unit, we will re-evaluate staffing needs for the other inpatient units to determine next steps in staffing plans.

We know change creates concerns and rumors. We are not decreasing our clinical staff positions. We want everyone to appreciate we are moving and rebalancing our patient beds and staff so we can have private rooms, increase the number of beds available for critical and PCU level of care and enhance our patient/family experience while hospitalized.

If you have questions about 2 Surgical, please contact Teresa Ryan or Carol Stefaniak.

Pictured above is a view of the main entrance canopy.