



HUDSON COUNTY'S BUSIEST ED DOUBLES IN SIZE

Jersey City Medical Center (JCMC) unveiled an expanded adult and new pediatric Emergency Department. The state-of-the-art department is part of a \$100 million expansion, totaling 60,000 square feet, that includes surgery suites and more rooms for inpatients. JCMC's Emergency Department already was the busiest and highest-volume ED in Hudson County before the expansion, seeing more than 80,000 patients annually.

"Jersey City Medical Center provides critical healthcare when our residents need it most, and this expansion of the Emergency Department, along with new pediatric services, is an important step in supporting our ongoing efforts to expand access to quality healthcare in one of the most densely populated areas of the state," said Jersey City Mayor Steven M. Fulop.

In addition to 765 doctors and 603 nurses, the hospital has a total number of 2,521 staff and a team of volunteers. Jersey City Medical Center sees more than 300,000 outpatient visits annually, with 16,070 admissions, 7,204 surgeries (including same-day surgeries), and 2,024 births.

"Hudson County is one of the fastest growing regions in the Garden State. A major upgrade is not only welcome news, but it is also necessary. Now more than ever, Hudson County residents don't have to travel far to receive the most advanced care available," said RWJBarnabas Health President Mark E. Manigan.

Added JCMC Chair of Emergency Medicine and Interim Chief Medical Officer Schubert Perotte, MD: "I am proud to work for Jersey City Medical Center, and we are dedicated to investing and healing in Hudson County. We know that health is the foundation that allows people, families, and communities to flourish. These upgrades to our emergency services empower our patients to become active participants in their own health, and to access high quality care close to home."

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As part of the \$100-million expansion, JCMC is not only dramatically increasing the size of the existing Emergency Department, but also opening the new Abercrombie Guild Pediatric Emergency Department, part of the Children's Health Network of RWJBarnabas Health. The new ED for children was made possible with help from a generous multimillion-dollar gift from the Abercrombie Guild — its historic final donation as the entity ends its operations.

The Abercrombie Guild Pediatric Emergency Department is a new beginning and a lasting legacy to ensure that outstanding care is available for the youngest, most vulnerable individuals in our community.

"It is the honor and privilege of the remaining members of the Abercrombie Guild to make this our final donation and know that our legacy will live on in the Abercrombie Guild Pediatric Emergency Department, providing care to the youngest, most vulnerable members of our community," said Victoria Samulski of the Abercrombie Guild. "Children will now have their own child-friendly area in which to be assessed and treated, which will enhance their experience."

What element of the new ED are you most excited about?

That would have to be the patient experience. We're adding 60,000 square feet, doubling the size of the existing ED. That means there will be an improved flow of traffic for visitors as well as the healthcare and support staff that come through.

The space is larger, more modern, brighter and more accessible. We have much more room for storage and more space to enforce infection control. Separate pediatric exam rooms, observation units and inpatient beds right next to the ED will allow a seamless flow from one level of care to another.

The reason for doubling the size of the ED is to provide safe, quality care. It's very exciting to be able to stand up and say we're offering the best healthcare team and by far the best facilities in Hudson County. Patients don't need to go anywhere outside Hudson County to receive world-class care.



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President and CEO
Michael Prilutsky

Jersey City Medical Center (JCMC) is healing, enhancing and investing in Hudson County through major initiatives, including the \$110 million expansion of its Emergency Department (ED) facilities, according to Michael Prilutsky, President and CEO of JCMC. Here, he tells us what part of the project means the most to him.

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