

As part of the Newark Strong project — the largest expansion of the hospital in more than 50 years — a comprehensive geriatrics unit is now a reality at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

With the unique needs of our oldest patients in mind, the dedicated geriatric unit consists of 24 private rooms, spanning 2 floors of the hospital.

"This new unit is part of our ongoing commitment to delivering world class care to our patients at every age and stage of life," said Darrell K. Terry, Sr., MHA, MPH, FACHE, FHELA President and Chief Executive Officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey. "We have equipped every room and hallway to ensure that older adults and their loved ones have an excellent experience and receive the highest quality care in the safest environment."

The new geriatric unit features rooms large enough to accommodate physical therapy activities, beds specifically designed to reduce pressure injuries and reduce fall hazards, cushioned slip resistant flooring, sliding doors to private bathrooms with guard rails for ease of access. In addition, select rooms have been outfitted with equipment to support patients who are not ambulatory.

The hallways are brightly colored with color blocking patterns that help guide and orient patients. Hallways are also fitted with guardrails, pull out seating, a centralized nursing station and dimmable lighting. The unit also features wheelchair accessible family visitor lounges.

"Our goal is to exceed the individual expectations of each patient, to decrease the stress commonly associated with older adult care and to promote wellness in older adults," said Amy Doran, RN, MS, APRN-BC, Chief Nursing Officer, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey (CHoNJ).



Scan QR code to learn more about the Newark Strong project





## WE MADE AN IMPACT TOGETHER

## The Murray and Janice Belsky Staff Lounge is coming!

As a part of our \$150 million Newark Strong Renovation project, we are preparing to build a new state-of-the art Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which will position The Beth to be a regional ICU. The space will allow for highly intensive work to be done in a safe, right sized space, enabling us to better care for some of the sickest patients. Thanks to the generosity of the Belsky family, the newly constructed staff respite lounge provides our practitioners and support staff a place to recharge and refuel. Murray Belsky was a gastroenterologist at The Beth for more than 40 years. During his tenure, he served as president of the medical staff, vice-president for medical affairs and was a member of the board of directors. His wife Janice graduated from Newark Beth's School of Nursing and went on to serve as a surgical nurse at the hospital. Janice was involved with the Flo Okin Oncology Center, working on cancer research projects. The couple met at the hospital, and all three of their children were born at The Beth.



## NBI Patient Becomes the Longest-Living NJ Resident with an LVAD

Mayra Rodriguez, 42, from Union County, NJ, celebrated her 14th anniversary living with an Abbott HeartMate II™ Left Ventricular Assist Device, a mechanical heart pump that helps the heart pump blood from the left ventricle to the aorta and the rest of the body. She is now the longest-living person in New Jersey with an LVAD and one of the longest-living LVAD patients in the country. Only 40 patients in the United States have lived more than 14 years with this device, implanted at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center by the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment and Heart Transplant Program team.



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**It's Almost Giving Toys Day!** At Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of NJ, we have changed Giving Tuesday to Giving Toys Day! In honor of this global day of giving coming up on November 29, help us make the holiday season brighter for our youngest patients!



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