



# RWJUH SOMERSET OPENS NEW PATIENT FLOOR AS PART OF VERTICAL EXPANSION

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) Somerset, an RWJBarnabas Health hospital, has officially opened the top floor of its newly completed two-story vertical expansion. The hospital finished construction on the 76,000-square-foot addition late last year, and the top floor is now welcoming patients.

The new floor features 45 all-private patient rooms, with one half designated for orthopedic and post-surgical patients, including joint surgery patients who will have access to an on-site therapy gym. The remaining half will accommodate general medical-surgical patients.

This is the most significant construction on the RWJUH Somerset campus since its Steeplechase Cancer Center opened in 2007. The vertical expansion project also includes a second floor, reserved for future growth.

“With this expansion, two-thirds of the hospital’s medical and surgical patient rooms are now private,” said Deirdre Blaus, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, RWJUH Somerset. “We understand that being in a hospital can be challenging, so we’ve designed these rooms with comfort in mind to help patients feel as at ease as possible. Each room features handicapped-accessible bathrooms and hotel-like amenities, including sleeper sofas for overnight family members. Additionally, workstations with USB ports allow patients to stay connected to work or loved ones. Our goal is to provide a healing environment that prioritizes greater privacy, healing, and recovery.”

The new floors are connected by a bridge to the third floor of the main hospital, with convenient access from the hospital’s operating facilities. Future expansions will include a relocation of the hospital’s Geriatrics Department and the establishment of a Rapid Decision Unit to alleviate Emergency Department wait times.

“The Foundation has been proud to partner with the hospital to bring our vision for elevating health care to life,” said Donna Castronovo, Vice President of Development, Somerset Health Care Foundation. “Philanthropy has been the bedrock of this hospital since its inception and has fueled every milestone over the last century. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community whose support has made our growth possible and ensures we continue to meet the needs of our patients.”



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### Women of the Moose

Thank you to the Bound Brook Women of the Moose #1232 for their continued support of the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset. Through their annual spaghetti dinner, they raised \$12,500 this past year, bringing their contributions to the Steeplechase Cancer Center to over \$93,000 since 2011. Hosting a fundraiser is a great way to support Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset. It can be a celebration of a loved one's memory, or a means to raise support of an important cause such as the fight against cancer. We welcome businesses, schools, community organizations, clubs, and other groups or individuals who would like to host a fundraiser to benefit the hospital.

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### Dogs 4 Smiles

A huge thank you to Leena, a 15-year-old local community advocate, who has partnered with Somerset Health Care Foundation to start Dogs 4 Smiles. Through Dogs 4 Smiles, people can share photos of dogs to help turn someone's day around with a moment of joy and raise funds to support Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset's Behavioral Health Services. So far, Leena has raised \$4,475 and is committed to raising even more.

**Learn more about DOGS 4 SMILES and how it supports behavioral health services at our hospital by scanning this code. ►**



### Oncology Patient Assistance

The Oncology Patient Assistance Fund was established to ensure that our patients in active treatment at The Steeplechase Cancer Center can get the help they need to focus on healing. This important fund helps patients who find themselves struggling to pay for utilities, groceries, transportation to appointments, and medical bills. It also supports purchases from the Sanofi US Wellness Boutique at the Steeplechase Cancer Center for mastectomy bras, prostheses, and lymphedema sleeves. Thanks to the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund, over 140 patients received support in 2024.

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