

# CARDIOLOGY PAVILION

With anticipated growth in population ages 65+ over the next 3-5 years, cardiovascular disease, the nation's leading cause of death, is considered one of the most prevalent and urgent medical issues in our country.

At RWJUH Somerset, we utilize the latest state-of-the-art technology to diagnose and treat our patients' cardiac needs, offering a variety of resources for people with cardiovascular disease from an integrated expert team of cardiac specialists skilled in all aspects of heart care. This team applies the latest prevention, diagnosis and treatment options while providing the highest quality of care and services.

RWJUH Somerset plans to **expand and transform** the Cardiology Pavilion which will include a new Cardiac Diagnostic Center featuring a full complement of the most cutting-edge equipment and treatment options available. All Cardiac Diagnostic Services will be consolidated to the 2nd Floor North Tower which is easily accessible off the main lobby for our patients.

Additionally, renovations to the inpatient cardiology units began in 2018. When completed, RWJUH Somerset will have **two 30 bed units, including 12 private rooms and 9 semi-private rooms on each unit**. The patient rooms include "smart beds," the latest telemetry monitoring system, renovated bathrooms with wider doorways and 43-inch flat-screen TVs.

The nursing areas throughout the cardiology units allow nurses to monitor all patients individually from the nurse station, which is centralized on each patient unit to allow easy access to all patients. There are also two nurse charting stations located on each unit equipped with computers and telemetry monitoring which allows the care team to monitor patients from multiple areas on each unit. A family waiting room offers visitors a comfortable waiting area on each unit.



*"We have **one of the most experienced cardiac programs in New Jersey**, caring for one of the highest volumes of cardiac cath lab patients among community hospitals. That expertise will now be complemented by modern facilities and cutting edge technology, offering patients a superior level of care."*

*– Sharan Mahal, MD, Cardiologist*

Mark Connors suffered a massive heart attack on Dec. 23, 2018 at his Hillsborough home. The 56-year-old environmental engineer stopped breathing for 33 minutes before being revived and later underwent an emergency angioplasty at RWJUH Somerset, where he was hospitalized for 12 days. He and his wife, Irma, returned to the hospital two months later for a special reunion luncheon with his doctors, Danielle Minett, MD, emergency room physician, Rachana Kulkarni, MD, cardiologist, and Pratik Patel, MD, interventional cardiologist, and staff from Mobile Health Services, Emergency Department and Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

"I am forever thankful to Dr. Minett, the emergency room support staff, the doctors that performed the catheterization, the paramedics and for all of the support teams for giving me another chance to live and enjoy yet another day with my family," said Mr. Connors.

*Photo caption: Mark Connors reunited with staff from RWJUH Somerset's Cardiac Catheterization Lab who helped save his life after his heart attack.*

