

## **STAMFORD HOSPITAL OFFICIALLY BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW HOSPITAL**

STAMFORD, CT/May 14, 2013 – Stamford Hospital executives, board members, employees and members of its medical staff held a special ceremony today to officially break ground for the new hospital.

Like many hospitals in the Northeast, Stamford Hospital’s main campus is a collection of buildings, some dating back to the turn of the last century. Despite a history of renovation, the campus needs to evolve to meet the needs of today’s patient-centered, continuously advancing, high-tech medicine. This means replacing buildings with a facility that can accommodate and adapt to the very latest in medical technology, while also delivering care in a patient-centered environment.

“Today is a major milestone in a plan that has been many years in the making,” said Brian G. Grissler, Hospital President and CEO. “Our goal is to create an environment that will meet the changing needs of patients and their families, as well as our doctors and clinical staff, tomorrow, and well into the future. It will be a significant transformation from the current traditional and institutional feel to a more calming, welcoming environment. This will include the use of natural light and efficient building design to more closely integrate our facilities with nature, along with incorporating more effective noise control and way-finding, all of which reinforce our Planetree philosophy.”

The new Stamford Hospital, which will be constructed in a single-phase and cost an estimated \$450 million, is scheduled to be completed by 2016. Some of its key features include:

- Patient care units with all private rooms and private bathrooms, as well as centralized nurses’ stations for more flexible care delivery and dedicated family spaces on each floor.
- An Emergency Department with separate treatment areas for trauma, cardiac, urgent, behavioral health and pediatric patients, more than doubling the number and size of exam rooms. In addition, there will be dedicated and easily accessible parking, along with individual points of entry for walk-in and ambulance arrivals.
- Significantly larger surgical suites to accommodate the latest technology.
- A new Pediatric Unit in the Whittingham Pavilion adjacent to the current Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to centralize mother-child services.

- An expansion of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) emphasizing the Hospital's commitment to critical care and tertiary services.
- A central location for all Heart & Vascular Institute services, including Electrophysiology, Catheterization and Interventional Labs.

### **About Stamford Hospital**

Stamford Hospital is a not-for-profit provider of comprehensive healthcare services in lower Fairfield County. The mission of Stamford Hospital is to provide, together with its physicians, a broad range of high quality health and wellness services focused on the needs of our communities. Stamford Hospital is affiliated with the New York Presbyterian Healthcare System and is a major teaching affiliate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. In addition, Stamford Hospital has been formally designated as a "Planetree Designated<sup>®</sup> Patient-Centered Hospital." For more information, visit [www.stamfordhospital.org](http://www.stamfordhospital.org).