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EVENT: St. Vincent's Dedicates New Ambulatory Surgery Center

DATE: Wednesday, March 18

TIME: 6pm

WHERE: St. Vincent's Medical Center Main Level, 2800 Main St. Bridgeport, CT

BACKGROUND:

A formal dedication ceremony and reception will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm for invited guests and members of media. St. Vincent's will perform its first case in its new \$10.5 million, 13,500 square foot Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) the following Monday.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$10.5 million
- 13,500 square foot ASC which is a gain of 5200 square feet
- New ASC will reduce procedure time, streamline surgical process for patients & enhance their comfort
- Built to allow flexibility in incorporating new technologies as they develop & future advances in clinical & patient support services.
- PACU at 2500 square feet will increase patient capacity by 70% & prevent backups
- Soothing colors in PACU ease the transition from anesthesia into recovery area
- Tracking system with beepers to give family members freedom within hospital.

COMPONENTS:

4 state of the art ORs :

- Boom storage completely off the floor allows instrumentation to be set up quickly for a wide range of procedures
- LED lighting that provides surgeons the ability to select lighting conducive to each procedure generating less heat and using one half the energy consumption of traditional halogen surgical lights. The lights are also lighter in weight and thinner in profile.

PACU

- PACU beds increase from 7 to 12: will greatly improve patient flow, comfort & privacy.
- Centralized patient monitoring system
- Can convert one space to isolation room

Cystoscopy Room

- Represents a 60% increase in space & coupled with new technology that will reduce urological procedure time. Gives surgeons symmetrical unrestricted access.

Procedure Room

- New feature in Ambulatory to accommodate the evolution toward procedures under conscious sedation or local anesthetics with fewer side effects. Perform in this new room minimally invasive procedures such as lithotripsy & pain procedures.