Brand New Inpatient Pediatric Unit at Danbury Hospital

DANBURY, Connecticut, April 16, 2019 — Danbury Hospital cares deeply about the health of all children. That is why Danbury Hospital has relocated and built a new inpatient pediatric unit to better serve the evolving needs of pediatric patients and families in the communities it serves.

Through the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Pediatric Unit, Danbury Hospital will ensure cohesive, coordinated, and exceptional care for thousands of children and families. The expansive, under-the-sea-themed unit will enhance clinical services for children as well as comfort and the hospital experience for patients and their families.

Key Features of the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Pediatric Unit
The 5,000-square-foot specialty unit that was designed to have an abundance of natural light includes:

- Six inpatient rooms
- Exam procedure room
- Infusion suite
- Activity and multipurpose space
- Dedicated family space

The central nursing station, centralized supply rooms, and security systems were strategically incorporated into the unit’s design to enhance quality and patient safety.

The total estimated cost for the inpatient pediatric unit is approximately $4 million, which is being funded entirely through philanthropy.

The unit is planned to be open for pediatric patients and their families on Monday, May 6, 2019.

About Pediatric Care at Danbury Hospital
The new inpatient pediatric unit at Danbury Hospital is part of Western Connecticut Health Network’s (WCHN) overall efforts to provide exceptional care to pediatric patients. In addition, WCHN and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (Connecticut Children’s) have joined together to create a pediatric care alliance. Connecticut Children’s pediatric hospitalists and neonatologists provide inpatient medical care for children at the Danbury Hospital and Norwalk Hospital pediatric units and neonatal intensive care units (NICU). Through the alliance, children and their families have 24/7 access to readily available
specialized and subspecialized pediatric services. Even more pediatric consultations are available at Danbury Hospital and Norwalk Hospital emergency departments, ensuring best-in-class pediatric emergency care for young patients. For more information about pediatric care at Danbury Hospital, visit our website.

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**About Western Connecticut Health Network**
WCHN and Health Quest have combined to form a new nonprofit health system. The name for the new health system will be Nuvance Health (pronounced NEW-vance). Nuvance Health’s mission will be to continually make progress and pursue impossible, so we can improve the lives of every person in each of the communities we serve. Nuvance Health will serve 1.5 million residents across New York and Connecticut and includes more than 2,600 aligned physicians, 12,000 employees, seven hospitals (Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center, Sharon Hospital, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center), a large network of primary care and specialty practices, and multiple affiliated organizations. To learn more about Nuvance Health, visit our website.

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