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A GUIDE TO THE NEW LUCILLE AND  
JAY CHAZANOFF SURGICAL PAVILION

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# A Message from the President & CEO



For the third time in less than two years, Richmond University Medical Center is unveiling yet another world-class facility to better care for our community: the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion.

This \$42 million, 40,000 square foot pavilion features 23 pre- and post-op bays and 10 advanced, fully equipped surgical suites, including three specialty suites configured specifically to support our robotic surgical systems. Expanded nurse stations to bring care providers closer to their patients, larger naturally lit hallways, advanced infection control technology, hotel-like waiting space for families and, many more specialty features have been constructed to provide a better experience for our patients and the best possible work environment for our staff.

Our entire RUMC family is honored to have our new pavilion bear the names of Lucille and Jay Chazanoff. Their friendship and love for our hospital has truly enriched all of us. I know that Lucille is looking down smiling and glowing with pride and appreciation. Their belief in the strong future of Richmond University Medical Center can be summed up in one word: passion. Passion for this hospital, the people that bring it to life, and the people it cares for.

The Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Pavilion is just the latest addition to the roster of our master facilities plan that will keep our hospital at the forefront of modern medicine. Less than two years ago, we opened our new world-class Medical Intensive Care Unit. This past summer, that unit celebrated its first full year of caring for some of our most critical patients. Less than a year ago, we officially opened the doors of our state-of-the-art James P. Molinaro Emergency Department. This 35,000 square foot department is providing world-class trauma and advanced emergency care for patients of all ages, in collaboration with our academic and clinical partner Mount Sinai Health System. It is a shining beacon for our community...a beacon that the very best emergency care exists right in their own backyard.

We are by no means finished, as you will see further in this edition of CARE Magazine. We have several additional expansion projects nearing completion or just getting underway this year. As our community continues to grow, so do the needs for our quality healthcare services. As a result, be assured that we too will grow so we can proudly continue our legacy of care for generations to come.

This issue of CARE Magazine offers an in-depth guide to the new Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion. You will have an opportunity to learn more about its many features, specialized technology, and meet the many surgeons and medical professionals who will breathe life into this new unit. Welcome to the new Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion! I tip my hat to our committed board, our exceptional medical staff, and our many donors who continue to transform healthcare on Staten Island and beyond.

Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Over 300 family, friends, staff, and community leaders attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Jay Chazanoff officially opens the surgical pavilion named for him and his late wife, Lucille, on what would have been her 77th birthday.

Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella with a photo of Lucille and Jay Chazanoff in the background.

## Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion Heralds a New Level of Patient Care

One hundred and twenty years ago, when Richmond University Medical Center was first established as St. Vincent's Hospital, surgeons did their work in the Villa Building, a Victorian mansion that is still part of the campus. Patients were often at higher risk as surgeons worked to save their lives before the advent of antibiotics, anesthesia and infection control.

The unveiling of a \$42 million state-of-the-art surgical unit at RUMC highlights just how far surgery has come. Named for two community champions, the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion ushers in a new level of patient care.

"Today we add this world-class surgical pavilion to our roster of enhancements that will keep our hospital at the forefront of modern medicine," Daniel J. Messina, PhD FACHE, president and chief executive officer, told nearly 300 guests at the December 13 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"We stand in the new home of a revitalized surgery program - a program whose quality and outcomes will be unrivaled on our Island and among the very best among our peer institutions in the city," added Timothy C. Harrison, chair of the RUMC Board of Trustees.

Located directly above the Emergency Department in a gleaming addition at the back of the hospital, the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Pavilion features 10 state-of-the-art operating suites, three of which are designed to accommodate robotic-assisted surgery.

Messina and Harrison praised the herculean efforts in design, fundraising and construction that resulted in completion of the 40,000-square-foot pavilion during the challenges of a pandemic.

The project was made possible "because of all of you who never gave up," added Borough President Vito Fossella, acknowledging the perseverance and compassion of the hospital leadership and staff.

"You get to save people's lives - how awesome is that?" Fossella reflected. "For that, I am grateful."

The Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion is the third in a series of major enhancements at RUMC that are part of a \$250 million historic transformation of the 120-year-old hospital. The new James P. Molinaro Emergency Department opened last January, and a new Medical Intensive Care Unit welcomed patients in August 2022.

"It's a little overwhelming," Jay Chazanoff shared as he prepared to cut the ribbon on the unit named for him and his late wife, Lucille, who passed away in 2020. "Today is a significant milestone for RUMC ... that will raise the bar for health care in the community."

He said his \$2.5 million gift to the hospital is a way of giving back to his hometown "with a sense of joy and a sense of purpose."

Serendipitously, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on what would have been Lucille's 77th birthday. She was born on Dec. 13, 1946.

"Happy birthday, Sweetheart," her husband said, gazing upward from the podium. "I hope you are pleased with your birthday present."

Following the program, guests toured the facility, appreciating the rare glimpse at an area of the hospital that will soon be off-limits as a sterile environment.

In addition to Borough President Fossella, community leaders in attendance included Assemblyman Charles Fall, Assemblyman Michael Reilly, City Councilman David Carr, City Councilman Joseph Borelli and Former Borough President James P. Molinaro.

# Expanded Pre-Op and Post-Op Units to Better Care for Patients

To provide a more efficient process for patients coming for surgery at Richmond University Medical Center, the new Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion includes pre- and post-operative units with many amenities to provide an enhanced level of comfort and care throughout the patient experience.

A total of 23 pre- and post-operative bays are located throughout the pavilion. In addition to the bays, there are cubicles with cushioned chairs for patients to sit while being prepared for their procedure, and larger nurse stations to provide close interaction with medical staff.

Larger hallways were designed to accommodate increased staff and patient flow and each bay has double headwalls so the units can double capacity in the event of a patient surge.

A large family waiting area is located just outside the units. Changing rooms and lockers for patients to store their belongings can also be found as you enter the pre-operative area. Restrooms and wash stations can also be found at multiple locations throughout both units.

The pavilion's Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) is named in honor of longtime Chair of Anesthesia, Executive Vice President and current Chief Medical Officer, Pietro Carpenito, MD.



A total of 23 pre- and post-operative bays, each with double headwalls, are located throughout the pre- and post-operative units.



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A large family waiting area is located just outside the units.




Larger nurse stations are positioned to provide close interaction with patients.


# New Surgical Pavilion Features State-of-the-Art Surgical Suites




A control room allows medical staff to remotely monitor each operating suite and procedures being performed.



Multiple wash stations are located outside each operating suite.



Rotating booms that can swivel 360 degrees (left) are also featured in each room to provide surgical staff easy access to multiple instruments and equipment.



The new surgical pavilion features 10 operating suites, six general and four specialty.

**A**t 40,000 square feet, Richmond University Medical Center's state-of-the-art Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion is designed to facilitate the best outcomes for surgical patients and increase efficiency for medical staff.

The surgical pavilion features 10 operating suites - six general and four specialty. Each suite has enhanced lighting fixtures, advanced infection control technology, and video monitoring to allow for remote consulting to physician offices and conference rooms. Attached to mounted ceiling tracks, rotating booms that can swivel 360 degrees are also featured in each room to provide surgical staff easy access to multiple instruments and equipment.

"The new surgical suites provide the highest degree of efficiency and safety," said Loren Harris, MD, chair of the Department of Surgery and chief of general thoracic surgery. "They enhance patient flow, patient care, and patient satisfaction."

Three of the specialty suites can accommodate robotic-assisted surgery using the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, which allows surgeons to perform complex procedures with more precision, flexibility, and control than possible with conventional techniques. The use of robotics continues to grow across the country. Over 80 percent of RUMC's surgeons are trained in the use of robotics.

A sterile hallway is located across the middle of the pavilion with

doorways on both sides that lead to each operating suite to expedite room-to-room access for surgical staff while maintaining a clean and safe environment for patients and staff. Just off the entranceway to the surgical suite area is a pair of elevators that connect directly to the Emergency Department one floor below. These elevators can quickly transport critical trauma patients into surgery within seconds.

Because the new suites have increased capacity for more surgical procedures to be performed daily, RUMC's surgical staff has expanded to include additional specialists in oncologic, urologic and gynecologic procedures as well as neurosurgery, among other subspecialty areas, Dr. Harris also pointed out.



◀ Jay Chazanoff addresses the many guests, community leaders and hospital staff who attended the ribbon cutting of the new surgical pavilion on December 13.



◀ Lucille and Jay Chazanoff

## Community Champions Invested in RUMC's Future

**T**hey met in 1963 as accounting students at the former Staten Island Community College, married in 1970 and formed a powerful team as community champions.

Their generosity benefitted a half dozen organizations, from the College of Staten Island to the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, and is now making an enhanced surgical experience possible at Richmond University Medical Center with a \$2.5 million pledge.

The Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion offers 10 new operating suites, 23 pre- and post-operation bays for patients and a collection of staff spaces created to improve the flow of the hospital.

"Adding our name to a facility that is housing a 35,000-square-foot Emergency Department and a new Surgical Pavilion is an honor," Jay said, and serves as a tribute to his wife, who passed away in 2020.

The new Emergency Department, located directly below the new Surgical Pavilion, is named for former Staten Island Borough President James P. Molinaro, "recognizing all of Jim's contributions to the community, all he did in public office, and his extraordinary commitment," added Jay, who said he is proud to see he and Lucille's names together with Molinaro's.

The Chazanoffs' association with RUMC began when it was St. Vincent's Hospital and operated under the direction of the Sisters of Charity. Jay served on its Board of Trustees and Lucille served on the board of the former Bayley Seton Hospital.

"She was born at Bayley Seton," and appreciated the Catholic-based mission and level of compassion offered by the St. Vincent's system, Jay said.

Lucille later served as treasurer of the RUMC Foundation, and continued her fund-raising work even after a cancer diagnosis.

"I would drive Lucille to the Foundation meetings and sit in on them. I got to see Dan Messina in action, and witnessed first-hand his commitment to the community," Jay recalled, referring to the hospital's president and CEO.

The couple was honored by RUMC in November 2001 with the St. Elizabeth Seton Humanitarian Award.

Jay stepped into the role of Foundation treasurer after his wife's death three years ago.

Jay holds a bachelor's degree from Pace University and an MBA from Long Island University, and was a CPA at Ernst & Ernst before becoming a senior executive at a publicly traded financial services company for more than 20 years. He then co-founded a technology-based claims management company, providing corporate reorganization services.

Jay also became a partner in Pembroke Companies Inc., a commercial and residential real estate investment, development and management enterprise.

Lucille earned a bachelor's degree from Pace University and worked as a certified public accountant for the international accounting firm Arthur Young & Co. for four years before joining NBC, where she rose to the position of vice president and comptroller.

"She was a pioneer as a woman CPA," her husband pointed out with pride.

After a seven-year career with NBC, Mrs. Chazanoff joined her family's business, Royal Press, serving as chief operating officer until her retirement in 2012. Her role at the Port Richmond print shop aligned perfectly with her involvement in the community, giving her the opportunity to facilitate fund-raising journals and gala invitations for dozens of non-profit and cultural organizations.

The generous Chazanoff pledge to RUMC, part of a \$250 million hospital-wide transformation project, was motivated by "our long history with the hospital," Jay explained. "It keeps Lucille's memory alive."

*"Lucille and I were blessed with success. This gift is our way of giving back to our Staten Island neighbors and the Staten Island community."*

# Chair of Surgery Celebrates a Milestone for Staten Island



RUMC's Chair of Surgery and Chief of General Thoracic Surgery, Loren Harris, MD.



Dr. Harris served four years as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy.



During the ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 13, Dr. Harris spoke about the many advanced procedures performed at RUMC that will now be accomplished in the new pavilion. ▶

When Loren Harris, MD, walks through any one of the 10 new operating rooms in the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion at Richmond University Medical Center, he is most impressed with their size.

"They're just a little smaller than the Manhattan apartment my wife and I first shared," quipped Dr. Harris, chair of the Department of Surgery and chief of general thoracic surgery at RUMC. His wife, Doreen Addrizzo-Harris, MD, is a pulmonologist at NYU Langone Health.

"The new suites enhance patient flow, patient care and patient satisfaction," Dr. Harris summarized.

Three suites can accommodate robotic-assisted surgery, which is finally "coming of age," he said. "Twenty years ago, it didn't exist. A

few pioneers persisted when the rest of the community said it wouldn't work."

Dedicated to meeting Staten Island's health-care needs, Dr. Harris emphasized the \$42 million pavilion provides "the same level of care you can get anywhere else."

"I couldn't be more excited about the new surgical suites," he added. "They provide the highest degree of efficiency and safety, and Staten Islanders will be very pleased with the changes."

Born in New Jersey and raised in Virginia, Dr. Harris received his medical degree in 1987 from the New York University School of Medicine, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He completed his training in general

and cardiothoracic surgery at New York University Medical Center and has been in clinical practice for over 20 years. He also served four years as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Harris specializes in minimally invasive surgery using the latest robotic techniques for both benign and malignant diseases of the lung, esophagus and mediastinum, resulting in fewer complications, less scarring and quicker recovery.

When he's not in a lab coat or scrubbing for surgery, Dr. Harris spends time with his wife and their two children — Danielle, 30, a medical researcher and a musician, and Jeffrey, 29, who works in finance. He is also a motorcycle enthusiast who enjoys riding his red Harley Davidson to towns in upstate New York and along the Jersey Shore.

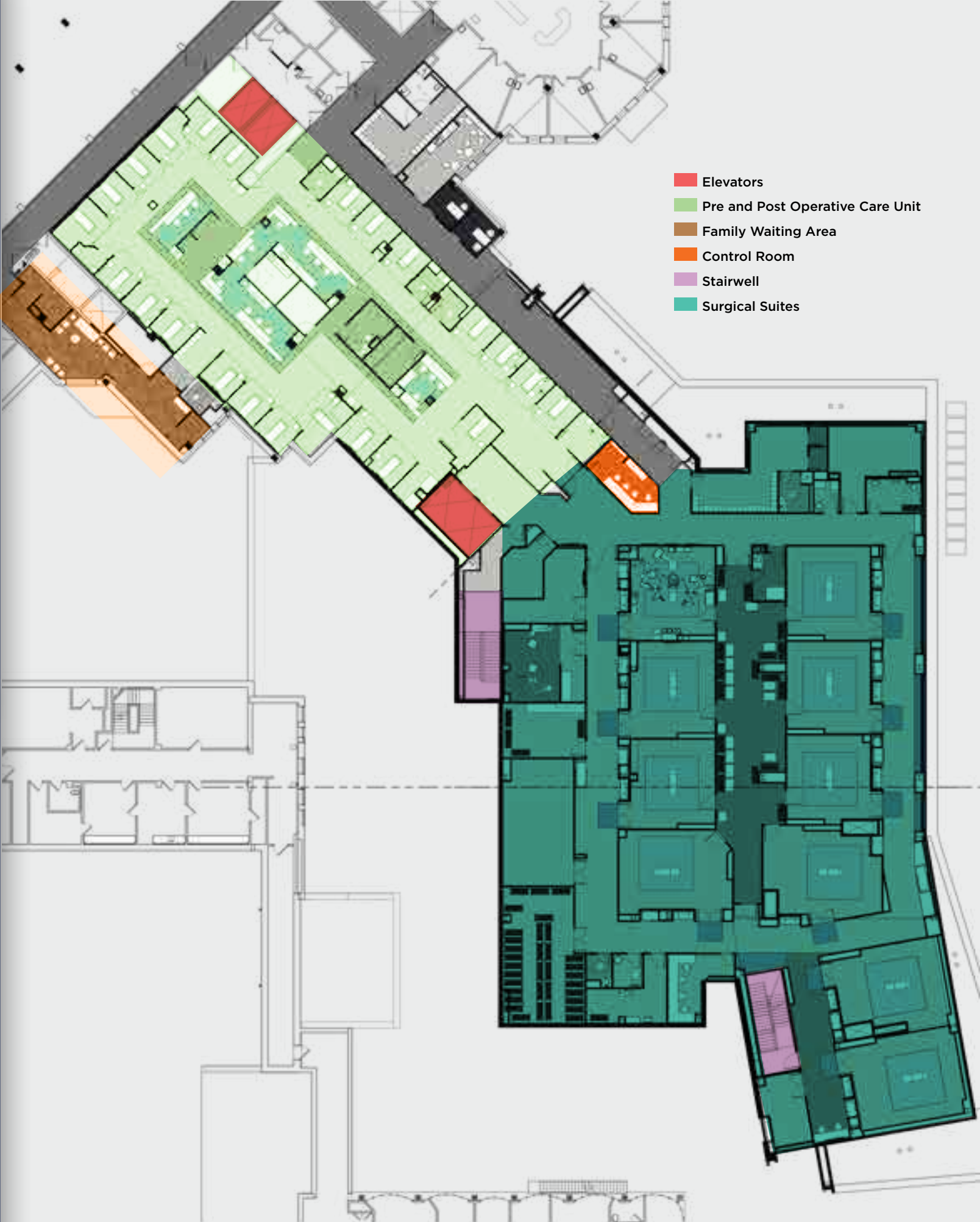
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- Elevators
- Pre and Post Operative Care Unit
- Family Waiting Area
- Control Room
- Stairwell
- Surgical Suites



Like many larger academic institutions and healthcare systems around the country, RUMC utilizes the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System. ▶



## Robotic Surgery at RUMC: A Sophisticated, Advanced and Effective Method of Care

**M**ost surgeons would agree a steady hand is their most important instrument. At Richmond University Medical Center, robotic surgery is enhancing that steadiness by allowing doctors to perform complex procedures with more precision, flexibility and control than is possible with conventional techniques.

Robotics is a centerpiece of the new Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion. Three of the 10 rooms are noticeably larger because they are designed to accommodate robotic surgery systems, explained Loren Harris, MD, chair of surgery and chief of general thoracic surgery. Like many

larger institutions and healthcare systems around the country, RUMC utilizes the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System.

“The patient has less pain, a shorter hospital stay and returns to a normal lifestyle sooner,” he said, explaining three advantages robotic surgery offers over standard surgery.

Robotics also makes minimally invasive surgery possible, which means fewer complications and smaller, less noticeable scars. Surgeons can perform delicate and complex procedures that may be difficult or impossible with other methods.

The surgeon makes several small incisions and inserts the interactive arms, which are maneuvered with two master controls. A console gives the surgeon a high-definition, 3D view of the surgical site.

The technique is “coming of age” in hospitals, Dr. Harris said, and is now used frequently for routine operations.

“Twenty years ago, it didn’t exist,” he added. “Many in the [medical] community said it wouldn’t work, but a few pioneers persisted” and now robotic surgery is considered cutting-edge.



## Brian Gilchrist, MD: Saving Lives, One Child at a Time

**F**or Brian Francis Gilchrist, MD, medicine is more of a calling than a career.

As one of only 450 pediatric surgeons in the country — and only two on Staten Island — he saves the lives of young patients who are injured or suffering from the ravages of disease.

He also cares for their parents who suffer, and sometimes grieve, at the bedside. It is a responsibility like no other, Dr. Gilchrist says emphatically.

“Parents give us their children and ask us to fix them. We take it so seriously, and look after the mothers and fathers as we do the children.”

He cares for hundreds of young lives each year, from newborns to adolescents. But when medical intervention cannot save a child from injury or illness, he mourns with the family.

“There is no greater grief than from the loss of a child,” he says with compassion. “It’s a grief that never goes away.”

Pediatric surgery is an elite branch of medicine that requires seven to 10 years of acute training, Dr. Gilchrist explains, likening it to the Navy SEALs and Green Berets of the military. At Richmond University Medical Center, he performs 800 to 850 procedures each year — 35 percent of which are “unscheduled,” or emergencies.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Dr. Gilchrist graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1984 and completed his surgery training at Harvard University and Brown University. From 1984 to 1991, he served as a combat surgeon with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during Operation Desert Storm.

His many surgical appointments have included Kings County Medical Center, Brookdale University Medical Center, Long Island College Hospital, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, Maimonides Hospital and Tufts Medical Center. He has served as RUMC’s chief of pediatric trauma since 2019.

He is board-certified in both surgery and pediatric surgery, and led the American Pediatric Surgery Association Pediatric Trauma program in Puerto Rico in 2009. His book on necrotizing enterocolitis, a disease of the GI tract, can be found in many Neonatal Intensive Care Units throughout the country.

He looks forward to performing procedures in the new state-of-the-art Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion and values RUMC’s comforting ambiance found in few big-city hospitals.

*“People here are kind, and take the sanctity of life very seriously,” he says. “The place is filled with mercy.”*

— Brian Gilchrist, MD



Board certified pediatric surgeon, and Chief of Pediatric Trauma  
Brian Gilchrist, MD





▲ Dr. Carpenito looks on as the official naming of the unit is announced at the hospital's annual medical staff spring reception on June 21.



▲ The sign with Dr. Carpenito's name located at the entrance to the unit inside the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion.

## RUMC Names New Post Anesthesia Care Unit in Honor of Pietro Carpenito, MD

**W**ithin the new Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion, patients recovering from surgery will receive care in the Pietro Carpenito, MD Post Anesthesia Care Unit. The naming honors the longtime anesthesiologist who has been caring for patients at Richmond University Medical Center for nearly 40 years and currently serves as its executive vice president and chief medical officer.

Dr. Carpenito has assumed multiple roles during his tenure at RUMC. He is one of the founding board members of the hospital and is clinically active today as its chair of the Anesthesia Department, a position he has held for over 20 years. He also served as RUMC's senior vice president for medical affairs until 2014 when he then became the hospital's executive vice president. In 2020, Dr. Carpenito

was appointed chief medical officer for RUMC. Dr. Carpenito is the liaison between the medical staff and the administration and among many duties is responsible for clinical strategic planning and development of the organization ensuring, high-level physician integration. His ongoing leadership has contributed to the increased physician recruitment and retention, as well as in quality improvements in the Peri-Operative Services Division. The announcement of the unit's naming came during the hospital's annual medical staff spring reception held on June 21.

"This is an incredible moment for myself and my family, and I am grateful to everyone who has made this possible," Dr. Carpenito said following announcement of the unit that will bear his name. "From my family to my friends, from the board

to administration, to the medical staff. I am also deeply grateful to an incredible anesthesia staff, which I have had the privilege to lead and work with all these years, thank you."

Born in Italy, Dr. Carpenito is a graduate of the Università degli Studi Di Pisa Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia in Italy. He practiced general medicine prior to moving to the United States in 1980. He completed a residency in anesthesiology at UMDNJ in Newark, NJ, and St Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. He is board-certified by the American Board of Anesthesiologists and is a member of the New York State Society of Anesthesia, American Society of Anesthesiology, International Research Society, SAMBA, the Richmond County Medical Society and the American Medical Association, among others.

# Expediting Care to Enhance Patient Experience

Richmond University Medical Center is in the midst of over \$250 million in capital improvements and expansion projects:

**Co-Gen:** A new on-site cogeneration power plant located on the hospital campus, this plant will allow Richmond University Medical Center to create its own power, enabling the hospital to remain fully functional in the event of a natural disaster or other disruptive situation. Construction of the plant began in 2020. The engines — 2 by 1.5 megawatt turbines — are built by Rolls Royce and gas fired. Cogeneration is the simultaneous generation of electrical energy and usable heat from a single primary energy source. The cogeneration process can increase overall energy efficiency, lower operational costs, boost self-sufficiency, and reduce pollutants. Construction was completed in late 2023. The plant will go on-line in early 2024.



**Mother/Baby Unit Upgrades and Expansion (Completion in late 2024/early 2025):** All existing maternity rooms will be converted into one-bed suites with full bathrooms, additional amenities, and more space for guests to enhance privacy and family bonding. Underutilized existing space will be converted into additional one-bed suites, making the entire unit single occupancy rooms.



**Window Improvement Project (Completion in early 2025):** Over 700 windows throughout the hospital will be replaced with hurricane-force wind resistant windows. The only hospital on Staten Island located outside of a flood zone, this FEMA funded project will ensure the hospital can provide full services in the event of severe weather conditions.



**Joan and Alan Bernikow Heart and Vascular Institute (Construction to begin in early-2024 with completion in 2025):** Named for longtime trustee Alan Bernikow and his wife, the new institute will feature a modernized critical care unit and state of the art cardiac catheterization lab. Housed within the lab will be one of the most advanced forms of interventional medical technology: a new \$1.8 million biplane-imaging machine. The biplane will allow surgeons and medical staff to identify and treat vascular blockages, aneurysms, malformations and additional abnormalities that could lead to stroke, hemorrhaging, and other neurovascular complications.



**Surgical Intensive Care Unit:** In design development with construction starting in 2026.



**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:** In design development.



# New Emergency Department Wins Top Building Award From SI Chamber of Commerce

On December 1, 2023, the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce hosted its 62nd Annual Building Awards ceremony. Richmond University Medical Center's new James P. Molinaro Emergency Department took home several design and construction awards, including the top honor, the Chairman's Award.

The new Emergency Department was honored for all aspects of interior and exterior design including layout, landscaping and overall construction. In addition to the top award, RUMC's Emergency Department also received

commendations for landscaping and use of outdoor space as well as an excellence award presented to the design and construction teams from Cannon Design, LFD Driscoll, and Gardner and Theobald.

The new 35,000 sq. ft. Emergency Department officially opened in January 2023 and is part of over \$250 million in capital improvement and expansion projects that also include the hospital's new Medical Intensive Care Unit, Mother/Baby Unit, Co-Generation power plant, and Lucille and Jay Chazanoff Surgical Pavilion.



▲ (l-r) Joanne Pietro, MS, RN AVP-Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science; Rosemarie Stazzone, RN, MS, NE-BC, Senior Vice President, and Chief Nurse Officer; Nida Khan, MD; Ann Marie Sullivan, MD, Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health; and Joel Idowu, MD, DFAPA, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Director, Residency Training Program, and Medical Director, Outpatient Services.

## RUMC Medical Director Honored by NAMI

On December 1, 2023, Nida Khan, MD, medical director, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Services, was among the honorees at the 30th annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) awards gala.

Dr. Khan is a board-certified child and

adolescent psychiatrist with extensive experience in treating children and adults with mental health issues. She received her medical degree from Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences in Pakistan. Dr. Khan completed her residency training in general psychiatry at

Richmond University Medical Center. Her patient centered and evidence based approach equip Dr. Khan to help patients of all ages with variety of emotional difficulties and with a variety conditions that affect mood, thinking and behavior.

## Richmond University Medical Center Earns Highest Honor for Most Severe Heart Attack Care

Richmond University Medical Center earned the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center Gold Plus recognition for its continuous commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), known to be more severe and dangerous than other types of heart attacks. Gold Plus is the highest level a healthcare institution can earn from the American Heart Association.



## RUMC Earns Multiple National Stroke Awards, Continues Certification as Advanced Primary Stroke Center

Richmond University Medical Center received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines. The hospital was also re-certified as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center, a designation held since 2019. RUMC also received the American Heart Association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll award for meeting specific criteria that reduces the time between an eligible stroke patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster medication, alteplase. The hospital also earned the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award for its specialized care of stroke patients with Type 2 diabetes, who are at higher risk for complications due to their diabetic condition.



## Conference Held on Care for Sexual Assault Survivors

As Staten Island's only Center of Excellence for the care of sexual assault survivors, Richmond University Medical Center held a daylong conference last fall focused on the growing rate of sexual assault incidents in the borough and treatment services available both at RUMC and through its community partners. The conference featured a discussion on healthcare rights and laws for minors; an overview of the services provided to sexual assault survivors who come for treatment in RUMC's Emergency Department; and speakers from community partners, law enforcement agencies and survivor support services.



## Woman Abandoned as a Baby Returns to RUMC

In February 2004, a baby girl was abandoned at RUMC in a first floor bathroom shortly after her mother gave birth to her. She recently returned to RUMC to reunite with the staff member who found her, Radiology Technician Claudia Beadle. During her return to RUMC, the woman whose name is Victoria, revealed that her adopted older brother Frank was identified through DNA samples as her biological sibling.





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