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Maine Medical Center Investment in Operating Room Capacity Accommodates New Technologies and Medical Teams

Five new state-of-the-art operating rooms now complete

PORTLAND, Maine — Maine Medical Center (MMC) today announced the completion of five new state-of-the-art operating rooms built to better meet the demand for routine and complex procedures performed today.

Construction for the vertical expansion on top of the medical center's lower Bean Building near the Emergency Department began in February 2014. The \$40 million investment in a 41,361 sq. ft. expansion includes five state-of-the-art operating rooms and 20 new spaces for surgery prep and recovery.

“We now have greater capacity to provide surgical services that our patients require. This includes modern spaces for surgery prep and recovery with greater access to family and friends, which will assist in the recovery process,” said MMC President Rich Petersen at a dedication ceremony and tour for the new facility.

KeyBank donated \$200,000 for a family room – an aesthetically-pleasing environment to help the healing process for patients and their family members.

MMC performs approximately one-third of all inpatient surgeries in the state, and 45 percent of interventional cardiology procedures. Data confirmed by the state shows that the medical center's existing operating rooms had a utilization rate of up to 94 percent – substantially higher than industry standards.

About Maine Medical Center

Maine Medical Center (MMC), recognized as the number-one ranked hospital in Maine by *U.S. News and World Report for 2015-2016*, is a complete health care resource for the people of Greater Portland and the entire state, as well as northern New England. Incorporated in 1864, MMC is the state's largest medical center, licensed for 637 beds and employing nearly 6,500 people. MMC's unique role as both a community hospital and a referral center requires an unparalleled depth and breadth of services, including an active educational program and a world-class biomedical research center. As a nonprofit institution, Maine Medical Center provides nearly 23 percent of all the charity care delivered in Maine. MMC is a member of the MaineHealth system, a growing family of health care services in northern New England. For more information, visit www.mmc.org.

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