



LOURDES EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT DEBORAH

QUICK FACT SHEET

The Project:

Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County has partnered with Deborah Heart and Lung Center to open a brand-new, state-of-the-art emergency department, scheduled to open March 2010. This is the first new emergency department opened in New Jersey since 2006. During the same time frame nine hospitals have closed statewide. This is also the first time that two independent organizations have partnered to develop a new full-service ED in New Jersey.

Cost: \$4.3 million

Size & Location:

10,000 sq. ft. was reconstructed at Deborah Heart and Lung Center on Trenton Road in Browns Mills, Burlington County.

Capability/Amenities:

- State licensed, full-service emergency department
- Adult emergencies
- Pediatric emergencies
- 24-hour a day service
- Both walk-in and ambulance patients treated
- 11 general exam/treatment rooms
- Triage bay
- Specialized treatment areas, including:
 - OB/GYN
 - Cardiac Resuscitation
 - Isolation/Decontamination
- Lab services
- Radiology
- 128-slice, ultrafast CT scanner for rapid cardiac diagnosis
- Comfortable waiting area
- Ample, free parking
- Two, new dedicated ambulances for patient transport

Management/Operation:

Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County owns and will operate the self-contained emergency department, including providing transfer to another facility if a patient requires a hospital admission. A patient, in accordance with New Jersey's Patient Bill of Rights, may choose which facility they prefer to be transferred. The Lourdes Health System has extensive experience managing emergency rooms through its hospitals in Willingboro and Camden.

Deborah Heart and Lung Center, with an adjoined hospital facility to the new ED, will provide Lourdes with a number of contracted support services including lab work, general and advanced radiology services, respiratory support services, pharmacy, and housekeeping and nutritional support.

Service Area:

The ED is expected to serve 15-20,000 patients a year. Approximately 50,000 households in three counties are likely to use the new ED. Residents in the triangle that joins Burlington, Ocean, and Mercer Counties will for the first time have quick access to a high-quality emergency department. This section of New Jersey where the three counties meet has long been medically underserved. Residents who were too far southeast in Mercer County, too far southwest in Ocean County, or too far northwest in Burlington County have had to travel many miles to each county's central city hubs for emergency room care. The ED is located within one mile of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, providing a quick drive off base from Texas Avenue, saving a lengthy 30-40 minute drive to another emergency room.

Staffing: 40 full-time hires

Economic Impact:

Located in one of the state's Urban Enterprise Zones, the new ED will provide a local economic boost. As well, many of the EMS squads who have to travel lengthy distances to access the next nearest ED will count fuel cost and hourly wage savings by reducing patient transport times. Both Lourdes and Deborah, working in a tough economic healthcare climate, have recognized the value, statewide, for hospital collaboration to maximize improved patient care, while reducing overall expenses. This new collaboration project represents a step towards a future where New Jersey hospitals join resources to strengthen the state's overall health care network, in an affordable and resourceful manner.

About: For more information, www.lourdesnet.org; www.deborah.org