

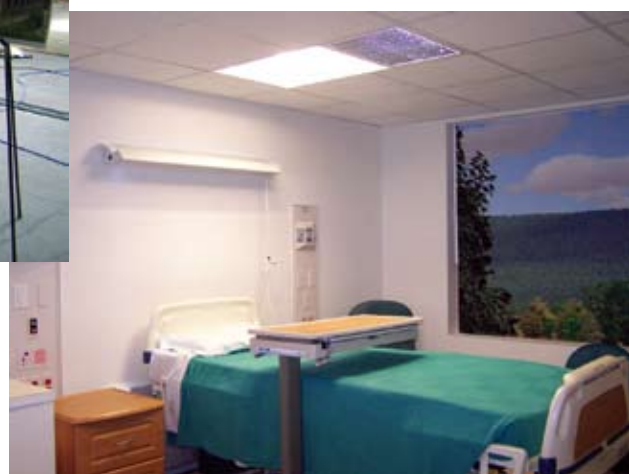
EMPLOYEE INPUT IMPERATIVE.

To build the best patient care areas, the Medical Center undertook concentrated efforts to obtain input from employees, physicians and the Board of Trustees. On-line surveys and town hall style presentations introduced employees to the upcoming construction, and employee input was encouraged by building model patient rooms.



Model patient rooms complete with bathrooms, patient beds, flat screen TVs, wall-mounted patient controls and more were built at a local warehouse in Centre County. Fourteen busses transported staff, physicians, and others to the site. Bussing was scheduled 24 hours/day to accommodate day and night shift staff.

Staff, physicians, donors and the local media toured the model rooms identifying areas of improvement. Supersized sticky notes provide commentary for architects and engineers as they finalized the plans for the single-bed patient rooms and the intensive care rooms. A storage area was also built at the warehouse complete with all equipment necessary on the floors. Staff was encouraged to move equipment around, perform daily tasks and consider the experience of the patient as they provided feedback on the room design.



Left images: Plant Services staff provides a tour to nurses, staff and physicians; facilitating conversations about the room design to acquire feedback on patient perspective, efficiencies, space and privacy. Each room will be a single-bed patient room with a private restroom, flat screen TV and more patient control of room temperature and lighting. Right image: Rendering of comprehensive cancer center.

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FUTURE CANCER CENTER.

In October 2007, the Medical Center announced the completion of its Master Campus Plan in cooperation with The Pennsylvania State University. A land capacity study was undertaken to ensure that the Medical Center's existing 29-acre site could accommodate reasonable and flexible expansion over the next 50 years. The plan outlines the total building capacity for the entire 183-acre tract of land comprised of the Medical Center's existing site (29 acres) and an adjacent 154 acres owned by Penn State that has been dedicated to human medicine. Capacity totals for the 183-acre tract would accommodate more than 700,000 square feet of building space, including as many as four additional buildings, a parking garage, and significant expansions of the main hospital building. The plan also preserves 122 acres of land for natural agrarian landscape. The plan was developed under the Master Affiliation Agreement signed in April 2006 by The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Hershey, and Mount Nittany Medical Center.

Previously, the Medical Center announced the addition of a cancer facility attached to the main hospital building atop the existing Health Services Wing. Since the Master Campus Plan approval, increased land capacity provides more options to build and provide care and service to patients with cancer. A separate comprehensive cancer center on the main hospital campus will allow more space, more flexibility, and better access for patients without the limitations of the existing main hospital plan. Plans for this improved facility are in progress as the need for comprehensive cancer care in one location grows.