

Topping-Off Ceremony Held for 15-Story State-of-the-Art Robert Wood Johnson Medical Pavilion in New Brunswick

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New Brunswick, N.J. (August 2, 2022) – AST, RWJBarnabas Health and New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill celebrated a topping-off ceremony and beam signing on what will be the ceremonial final beam of the 15-story steel frame of a state-of-the-art ambulatory medical pavilion on the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH), an RWJBarnabas Health facility, campus located at 210 Somerset Street. Scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2023, the 229,000-square-foot facility will be master-leased to RWJBarnabas Health increasing access to comprehensive care in the region.

Situated in the heart of New Brunswick’s healthcare district, the building uses the cutting edge of medical space construction. Designed in close collaboration with RWJUH, the state’s largest academic medical center through its partnership with Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS), the building will be defined by a striking curved glass exterior that will serve as a powerful symbol of the hospital’s commitment to building healthier communities in New Brunswick, the region, and as a destination for advanced specialty care.

“Our track record of development success is defined by an unparalleled expertise in collaboratively designing and delivering projects that stand the test of time and reflect the needs of their local communities,” said Robert J. D’Anton, President of AST. “Our work with RWJBarnabas Health and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital exemplifies this expertise in action. We look forward to continuing to work closely with them to help the system achieve its mission of creating and sustaining healthy communities.”

Once completed, the RWJUH Ambulatory Medical Pavilion will support RWJUH centers of excellence service lines in an outpatient setting and include leading-edge exam rooms designed to enhance clinical practice workflows that focus on enhancing the patient experience. The facility will also feature a modern ground floor lobby with a café and a connection to the adjacent public parking garage.

“The new medical pavilion expands access to the region’s top experts in a modern, more efficient setting that is optimized for both patient experience and clinical effectiveness. With dramatically increased demand for sophisticated care in our centers of excellence services, like cardiovascular and neuroscience, this new facility will greatly increase our ability to address the needs in our community and provide room for growth in the future,” said Bill Arnold, President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. “We believe the design of the RWJUH Ambulatory Medical Pavilion will meet the needs of our expert clinicians while also redefining the patient experience.”

New Brunswick Mayor James M. Cahill added, “New Brunswick’s emergence as New Jersey’s premier healthcare city has only been made possible through the successful collaboration of a wide range of public and private partners like AST and RWJBarnabas Health. I am deeply proud of the work that has already been done to expand access to health care through the city and I am confident that this space will become another invaluable piece of our region’s health care delivery network.”

Construction is being overseen by [Torcon, Inc.](#) Architecture and mechanical engineering services are being provided by Matthew Jarmel of [Jarmel Kizel](#), Mark A. Orsini, PE, of [O'Donnell & Naccarato](#) is managing structural engineering and Christian Roche of [Langan Engineering](#) is leading civil engineering. Financing has been arranged by [Jones Lang LaSalle Securities](#), legal land use services have been provided by [Kelso & Burgess, Esqs.](#) and legal transactional services are provided by [Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP.](#)