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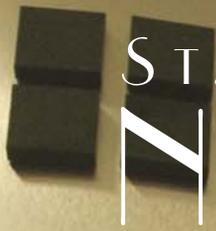


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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

NEW OFFICES

MUHLENBERG 2

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY



THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND A CENTRALIZED LOCATION ENSURE THE OPTIMAL APPLICATION OF HOSPITAL RESOURCES.

In January 2004, surgeons at St. Luke's Hospital moved into consolidated office space for the first time in the Department's 150 year history. Located on the second floor of the Muhlenberg Building, the 7200 sq. ft. suite of offices allows easy access to the operating rooms and the clinical inpatient floors.

A centralized suite of offices has been a high priority for the past two years. We are extremely fortunate to be able to complete a project of this magnitude at this time", according to Dr. George J. Todd, Chairman of Surgery at both St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals

Construction of the Department of Surgery offices was made possible by very generous grants from the Fannie Rippel Foundation and the Horace Goldsmith Foundation as well as by private philanthropy and a commitment from the Hospital Trustees.

Great care was taken to preserve historical context within technological innovation. State of the art computer systems and teleconferencing capabilities facilitate communication between research centers throughout the institution as well as with centers of learning and research throughout the world.

The facility is configured in four contiguous sections:

SECTION A: Cardiothoracic Surgery

This area consists of four academic offices, two clinical examination rooms, a file room, a patient waiting area and secretarial/reception space.

SECTION B: General Surgery

This wing houses eleven academic offices for attending surgeons, a resident surgeon area with four cubicle computer work stations and a departmental conference room.

SECTION C: Clinical Area

The section devoted to direct patient care consists of four fully equipped clinical examination rooms, two physician consultation rooms, a file room and a patient waiting area with both secretarial and reception space.

SECTION D: Administrative Offices

Surgical administration is centered in this area with multiple cubicle computer work stations and four additional offices.



ABOVE: PATIENT EXAMINATION ROOMS IN SECTION C ARE FULLY EQUIPPED FOR A VARIETY OF OFFICE PROCEDURES.

RIGHT: THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY SUITE IS DECORATED WITH A SAMPLING OF SLR PHYSICIANS' MANY AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS.



LEFT: THE INTERIOR ENTRANCE OF SECTION B IS SHOWN. THE GLASS PANES ENCLOSE CENTRALLY LOCATED RESIDENT WORKSPACE.

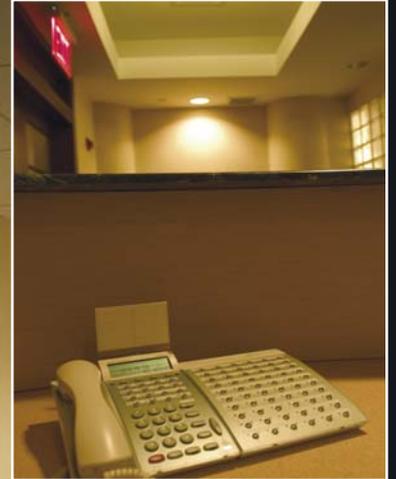
BELOW: THE NEW DESIGN OF MUHLENBERG 2 IS A WELCOME IMPROVEMENT. PATIENTS CAN APPRECIATE A GLASS ENCLOSURE THAT HIGHLIGHTS MUHLENBERG CHAPEL WHEN COMING TO VISIT THE OFFICES.





TOP LEFT: THE CARDIOTHORACIC SUITE IS NOW CENTRALIZED WITH SLR'S OTHER SURGICAL SPECIALITIES. MULTIPLE ONGOING PROJECTS IN ROBOTIC HEART AND LUNG SURGERY ARE NOW FINDING APPLICATIONS IN VASCULAR AND GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY.

TOP RIGHT: COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION WERE PRIORITIZED TO MAKE OPTIMAL USE OF THE HOSPITALS' EXISTING VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCING CAPABILITIES WHILE PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.



"These are difficult times for healthcare providers in New York," said Dr. Todd. "Dramatically reduced insurance reimbursements to hospitals and physicians, emphasis on reduced length of hospital stay, state mandated limitations on resident work hours, rising labor and liability costs and extraordinarily expensive new drugs and technologies have combined to pressure every medical center in the New York region. Collaboration, cooperation and teamwork are essential if we are to thrive in the current environment. Only those departments that are able to work as a team will be able to survive in these challenging times. The new departmental office suite will facilitate such collaboration. It will help us to accomplish what we perceive to be a dual mission at St. Luke's, namely, providing the highest quality 'tertiary' care in areas such as cardiac, robotic, vascular/endovascular, advanced laparoscopic and transplant surgery as well as providing superior 'community' surgical services to residents of the upper west side."

MIDDLE: THE RECEPTIONIST AREA IS SHOWN AS VIEWED FROM THE PATIENT WAITING AREA IN SECTION C.

BOTTOM: ELEVEN NEW CENTRALLY LOCATED ACADEMIC OFFICES HELP SLR SURGICAL ATTENDING PROVIDE THE BEST RESIDENT TEACHING AND PATIENT CARE.

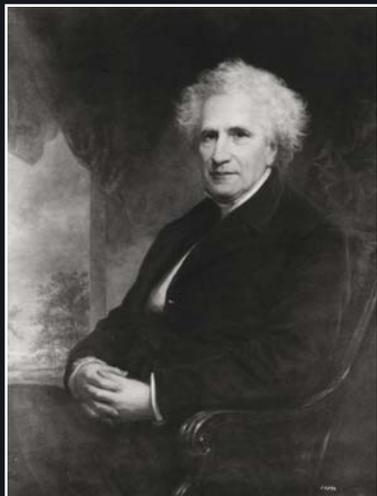
Nursing Tradition

The excellent nursing staff at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center has been a source of institutional pride from the earliest days in our Hospital's history. The Reverend William Augustus Muhlenberg, D.D. called upon his congregation to form a church hospital on October 18, 1846. When St. Luke's Hospital opened its doors to the sick and infirm in 1858, Dr Muhlenberg relied on the assistance of one of his most ardent supporters and influential colleagues, Anne Ayers.

Dr. Muhlenberg and Sister Anne forged a path that was a departure from American women's work in the church at that time. The Sisterhood asked its members not for lifelong vows, but for a three-year commitment. The Sisters were the backbone of nursing, housekeeping and community services at the hospital.

The Board of Trustees opened a formal nursing school in 1888. The school trained nurses not only to serve at St. Luke's but throughout New York. It saw changes in nursing curriculum, nurses' duties, women's role in society, the art and practice of medicine and the world as a whole. The school saw record increases in enrollment during World War II due to the Cadet Nurse Corps program. Many graduates served in the Army Nurse Corps. In 1954 the nursing department of the Hospital and the school were reorganized into two departments- the Nursing School and Nursing Service.

The tradition of teaching and excellence in nursing remains vibrant and powerful in the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital system. Nursing students in their Bachelors of Science and Masters programs at Long Island University complete their Practicum on our patient care units mentored by our nursing staff. SLRHC also participates in externships to allow recent graduates of nursing schools further clinical training and supervision as they prepare for their first jobs.



LEFT: REVEREND WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, D.D. (1796-1877) FOUNDED ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AND THE SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY COMMUNION. THIS VOLUNTARY ORDER WHICH CARED FOR THE POOR AND SICK LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR SLR'S NURSING STRUCTURE IN PLACE TODAY.

RIGHT: ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATING CLASS OF 1963 POSES ON THE VANDERBILT PAVILION STAIRCASE.



BELOW: THREE NURSES ARE SHOWN RELAXING UNDERNEATH A PORTRAIT OF ELI WHITE, FOUNDER OF THE NURSE'S RESIDENCE.



More than 1200 professional nurses strive to provide the highest standard of care to our patients. This is accomplished by supporting the education of our staff and promoting research related to excellence in a very complex health care environment.

The nursing department promotes an interdisciplinary approach to patient care by taking the time to round with doctors as well as social workers, nutritionists and other team members. Yearly we celebrate National Nurses Week during the month of May. During this week the Nursing Department will sponsor the Nurse Excellence Awards. We recognize nursing staff that exemplify the principles of patient centered care and professional nursing practice. This time is one of many opportunities to reflect upon the continuing contributions that nurses have made for St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center for the last one hundred and fifty years.

John C. Lantis II, MD

The Department of Surgery welcomes John C. Lantis, MD, to our full-time Surgical Attending Staff. Dr. Lantis joins the SLR team from Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where he developed a successful practice of vascular surgery during the past three years. At SLR he will take on the responsibilities of Director of Clinical Research for the Department of Surgery

Dr. Lantis began his affiliation with SLR 38 years ago when he was born at St. Lukes Hospital. He played varsity football for four years at Davidson College and captained the varsity track team. Dr. Lantis attended Albany Medical College where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha and graduated Cum

Laude in 1993. Upon medical school graduation, he was awarded the Harold C. Wiggers Award (“given to the graduating student who in the opinion of his classmates exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding physician”), the Daggett Trust Prize (given to the graduating student who “has displayed the most effective professional performance and conduct”) and the Alden March prize (given to the graduating student “who demonstrates the greatest proficiency in clinical surgery”). He again received many awards upon completion of his general surgical residency training at Tufts/New England Medical Center in June 1999. He completed his surgical training as the Homans Vascular Surgery Fellow at Brigham and Womens Hospital in 2000.



Dr. Lantis specializes in all aspects of traditional vascular surgery and medicine including all conditions affecting both arteries and veins. Additionally, he is experienced in the techniques of balloon angioplasty/stenting and stent graft repair of aortic aneurysms.

His basic science research interests include the use of animal models to assess the combination of minimally invasive and endovascular therapy for aneurysm disease. Dr. Lantis has authored numerous scientific journal articles and book chapters, has lectured extensively and is the principal investigator on numerous clinical trials for wound healing, limb salvage and new drug treatments for vascular disease.

“We are most fortunate in being able to recruit Dr. Lantis to our staff”, said Dr. George J. Todd, Chairman of Surgery. “He adds significantly to our already busy endovascular aneurysm program and allows our Center to offer new technologies such as laser-assisted vascular surgery and carotid artery stenting. Additionally, his active involvement and leadership of numerous clinical trials will make innovative technologies and the latest investigational drug treatments available to our patients.”



THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF DR. LANTIS ARE SHOWN. HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP ALLOWS HIM TO FUNCTION AS SURGEON, DIRECTOR OF THE NEW CLINICAL TRIALS PROGRAM AND AS A TEACHER. HE IS OPERATING WITH SURGICAL RESIDENT JERALDINE ORLINA, MD (LEFT) AND SURGICAL TECHNICIAN, MARITES CLAUDIO (MIDDLE).

Cynthia Gendics, RN

and the Division of Clinical Trials

Cindy Gendics is a registered nurse with over twenty years of critical care experience. She is a veteran of the Cleveland Clinic where she worked in cardiothoracic intensive care for 16 years prior to finding her way into pulmonary medicine clinical trials. The Division of Vascular Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic recruited her to run vascular medicine trials however she quickly became the clinical coordinator for the Cook/Zenith endovascular aneurysm trial with nearly 200 patients enrolled.

Just prior to the Cook's successful FDA submission of the Zenith trial, Cindy Gendics was recruited to New York Presbyterian Hospital Columbia Campus. Over the last eighteen months she has overseen 25 clinical trials within the Division of Vascular Surgery. Working closely with Dr. John Lantis the division developed a very strong reputation within the areas of wound healing, limb salvage and endovascular trials. St. Luke's - Roosevelt is proud to welcome Nurse Gendics and her expertise.

Within the next two months five new clinical trials will be opening within the new Division. These include multiple wound care studies, including evaluation of the V.A.C. for diabetic foot wounds and a hemodialysis trial in which the patients are treated with a novel therapy to diminish graft failure. Dr. Lantis states that "the role of the new Division will be to foster the appropriate application and scientific assessment of new technologies and therapies in all realms of surgery." In addition he commented "that appropriate oversight and coordination of the large clinical volume of the SLR Department of Surgery will allow for the recruitment of appropriate patients to receive ground breaking therapies."

Cindy Gendics, RN is known throughout the arena of clinical trials for her attention to detail. She dedicates precision to ensure that regulatory materials are perfect; she dedicates compassion to ensure the utmost in patient care. The addition of Cindy to the SLRHC Department of Surgery, Division of Clinical Trials will greatly enhance our ability to offer novel care algorithms to our patients and their clinicians while furthering scientific investigation.



TOP LEFT: A COMPUTER TERMINAL IS SHOWN OUTSIDE THE CLINICAL EXAM ROOMS ON MUHLENBERG 2 SECTION C. COOPERATION WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS AND REVIEW BOARDS WILL ALLOW SLR DOCTORS TO DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO HELP PATIENTS.

TOP RIGHT: CINDY GENDICS, RN

BELOW: THE RESIDENT WORK AREA IN MUHLENBERG 2 SECTION B IS CENTRALIZED WITH THE PHYSICIAN OFFICES. THIS FACILITATES RESEARCH AND KEEPS THE SURGICAL TEAMS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH PATIENT CARE AND THEIR ATTENDING SURGEONS.

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