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The new triage bays in the Sumner M. Redstone  
Emergency Department for Adults and Children.

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On a typical evening in the Sumner M. Redstone Emergency Department for Adults and Children at Massachusetts General Hospital, some of the very reasons why the hospital expanded part of its Emergency Department into the new Lunder Building are evident.

Patients and families in the Patten Family Waiting Area have room to spread out, but remain within view of the information desk in the well-lit and open space sectioned off by glass panels.

Nurses assess patients at triage bays and an EKG room is located nearby for quick diagnosis of heart problems. Through the windows behind the triage area, 10 new covered ambulance bays are ready to unload patients out of the rain, heat and cold.

As part of the Emergency Department renovation, other areas, like Fast Track, where patients are quickly treated for minor illnesses and injuries, will also benefit from the new space because they will shift into larger areas in their current building and, eventually, be connected to the Lunder Building.

Each year 90,000 patients come through the ED, and that number is expected to grow. The ED also plays a critical role through its coordination with other departments — 45 percent of the hospital's inpatients first come through the Emergency Department.

At 530,000 square feet, the 14-floor Lunder Building provides the hospital with more space to make patients and families comfortable and house equipment that will improve treatments. The ED is one of many services benefiting from the addition of the Lunder Building to Mass General's campus.

“The Emergency Department staff really appreciate the new space in the Lunder Building, which provides them with more room to care for patients in what can be a busy environment,” says Alasdair Conn, MD, chief of Emergency Medicine at Mass General. “When the renovations of the old space are complete, we will be

working in a state-of-the-art Emergency Department and be able to give the care that we aspire to deliver in a space that has been designed for the patients' needs.”

On the 10th floor in the Lunder Building, the Emilene J. Brown and Sumner W. Brown Floor features 32 private rooms for oncology. The rooms provide patients with natural light and views of either Boston or the James and Carol Herscot Atrium and the large plants that hang from the ceiling in that grand space.

The lowest two floors of the building, the Clark Center for Radiation Oncology, feature art that depicts nature, intended to relax patients and remind them how they feel when they are outside — despite their location 60 feet below ground level.

And a neurology intensive care unit, a new space for patients who require critical care for brain injuries, on the sixth floor — the Paul and Phyllis Fireman and Family Floor — will treat some of the hospital's sickest patients. By having advanced imaging equipment located on the same floor, patients will no longer have to be moved great distances to have the tests they need. Similar imaging equipment has been installed in several procedure rooms in the Lunder Building's Surgical Center.

On June 23, Mass General celebrated the completion of the Lunder Building with the many individuals and their families whose support helped make the building possible. Philanthropic investments from the hospital's generous donors provided more than \$190 million toward the cost of the building and equipping the new structure.

That day, 23 individual celebrations were held to honor donors, thank them for their generous support and showcase the beautiful spaces they helped make possible. Following the ceremonies, MGH President Peter L. Slavin, MD, spoke at an early evening reception. “All of you have honored us with your generous investment in the future of health care at the

Jake Lunder, and Deborah Navedo, PhD, CPNP, CNE, assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing at the MGH Institute, at a demonstration during the Lunder Building dedication day.



Massachusetts General Hospital,” Dr. Slavin told the group of more than 200 gathered in a tent in front of the Bulfinch Building. “You have joined us in offering hope and healing to the next generation of patients and their loved ones.”

He thanked donors in attendance, in particular Peter and Paula Lunder and their family for their generous contribution of \$35 million to the Campaign for the Third Century of MGH Medicine. The Lunders’ donation will, in part, establish a new education initiative, the James J. Dineen, MD, Maine-MGH Health Education Partnership. In recognition of their generosity, the Building for the Third Century of MGH Medicine, was named the Lunder Building.

Mr. Lunder told those gathered, “I am alive today because the MGH, my wife, Paula, and family performed miracles.”

One of the many ceremonies celebrated W. Gerald Austen, MD. The W. Gerald Austen, MD Inpatient Care Pavilion in the Lunder Building includes 150 private rooms for neuroscience and medical oncology patients and encompasses floors six to 10.

Roman DeSanctis, MD, emeritus director of Clinical Cardiology at Mass General, spoke of Dr. Austen’s compassion for his patients, technical skills as a heart surgeon and leadership, which he used when serving as chief of Surgery and continues to employ as a tireless promoter and fundraiser for Mass General. Dr. Austen now serves as philanthropy co-chair for the Campaign for the Third Century of MGH Medicine.

“The enormity of Jerry’s contributions to the MGH boggles the mind .... He combines an uncanny ability to relate to people with overriding vision, wisdom and a phenomenal knack of reducing complicated problems to their basics so as to come up with an optimal and equitable solution,” Dr. DeSanctis said.

As the services at Mass General settle into their new spaces, the important work they do to save and improve lives continues. N. Stuart Harris, MD, MFA, spends his early evening shift in the Fast Track area of the ED attending to a businessman who has had repeated nosebleeds, a woman who was hit by a slow-moving vehicle and another who may have a urinary tract infection.

One of the most important roles of emergency medicine is to correctly diagnosis patients, which places ED staff on the leading edge of care for infectious diseases, homelessness, post-traumatic stress disorder and other pressing health concerns, Dr. Harris says.

“We are the one place where universal care is guaranteed. All who present to the ED have immediate access to excellent medical care regardless of time of day, type or severity of illness or ability to pay,” Dr. Harris says. “Oftentimes, you will see people once in their lives, but it’s a meaningful time in their lives.”

With the new space in the Lunder Building, the hope is that patients’ encounters in the Emergency Department and all of the other service areas will be even more efficient, safe and comforting.

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Peter Lunder



“It provides me with the deepest satisfaction that the Lunder Building is opening during the hospital’s bicentennial. It really is the centerpiece of our year-long celebration of 200 years of advancing medicine.”

Dr. Peter L. Slavin, MGH President

(from left) Jack Emory, president of the Lunder Foundation, Dr. Jerry Austen, Paula Lunder, Peter Lunder, MGH President Dr. Peter Slavin, Dr. Bruce Rosengard, surgical director of Cardiac Transplantation, and Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, DNP, FAAN, senior vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nurse.

“Although I stand on this podium as one person, I represent a team of hundreds of people who have given five years of their professional lives to ensuring that patient care at the MGH continues to be the best, most compassionate care available for the next generation of our patients and their loved ones.”

Dr. Jean Elrick, senior vice president for Administration



James and Ruth Clark with Dr. Peter Slavin in the Clark Center for Radiation Oncology.



Dr. Jean Elrick



David and Randi Zussman look at a display explaining the environmentally friendly features of the building.