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Volunteer Reminders



As summer comes to a close, we would just like to remind you that flu shots will be available in October. Please keep an eye out for additional information as it becomes available.

Plans in Place for New Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center

Two Buffalo hospitals have filed plans for a \$5.7 million outpatient unit for pediatric services on the ground floor of Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

The Katherine, Anne and Donna Gioia Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center is a joint effort between Roswell Park and Kaleida Health. It is named for the Gioia family, longtime supporters of Roswell Park and its foundation.

It's the second phase of a collaboration between the two hospitals along with the University at Buffalo and UBMD Pediatrics to consolidate oncology services for children in the region as the Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Program of Western New York. Phase one will be an 11-bed inpatient unit to be housed on the top floor of Kaleida's new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, slated for completion in late 2017.

"The current state is there are separate inpatient and outpatient at both Women and Children's and at Roswell, which is incredibly inefficient," said Dr. Kara Kelly, who heads up the program as chair of pediatric oncology at Roswell Park, medical director for Children's Hospital's pediatric hematology/oncology service line and division chief of hematology and oncology at both UBMD Pediatrics and the UB Department of Pediatrics in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

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Plans filed in recent weeks by Roswell Park with the state Department of Health call for renovations on the hospital's ground floor aimed at right-sizing the existing outpatient pediatric oncology center with a 7,228-square-foot facility. A larger physical therapy and occupational therapy center is also proposed at 4,578 square feet to allow expanded programming and modernized equipment in more space to meet the growing demand for rehabilitation services.

In addition, the program will see a new 1,279-square-foot exterior entrance with access directly to the hospital lobby across from the parking ramp. Total combined square footage for the project is 13,085 square feet. It will go into space recently vacated by the adult chemotherapy infusion center that moved into Roswell Park's newly opened Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center.

The center will take the place of both the existing outpatient program at Roswell Park and a separate program at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo operated by physicians from UBMD Pediatrics.

The two hospitals will split the costs of both the inpatient and outpatient projects, continuing a joint business plan. Kelly said patients and families are also playing a role in the design of the facilities, including choosing themes and colors as well issues of major importance to the kids who will be using them, like what kind of gaming systems should be in the units and the size of televisions in the rooms.

"These are things that really only people who have been through this experience can really recognize," she said.

Outpatient services account for about 98 percent of all care in oncology, which makes it even more important to have a big enough space that allows access for patients. The current center at Children's is now cramped, sharing space for infusion services with other pediatric treatment areas.



"Having a dedicated center with a place to care for our children with blood disorders is going to do so much to improve access, especially as we look to offer more novel therapies and expand our bone marrow program," Kelly said.

Pending approvals from the state, the goal is to have the outpatient centers open by July 2017, ahead of the inpatient unit at the Oishei Children's Hospital.



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Marla Beyer	9/14
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Christopher Marrone	9/14
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Timothy O'Shea	9/16
Kathleen Barrett	9/17
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