Weill Cornell Medical College Opens New Comprehensive Medical Practice on Manhattan’s West Side

Weill Cornell Medical College and its faculty group practice, the Weill Cornell Physician Organization, opened a new medical practice at 2315 Broadway at West 84th Street earlier this year.

The new three-floor, 30,000 square-foot multi-specialty practice provides patients with one-stop shopping for many health care needs and provides a bridge to Weill Cornell’s physicians and academic medical center on the East Side.

The four-floor building features a terra cotta façade and floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Broadway, flooding the practice with natural light. Built in 1931, Weill Cornell spent nearly a year to renovate the top three floors into a comprehensive medical practice.

Using mixed materials, textures and earth tones, the building is designed to be warm, inviting and convenient for patients seeking the practice’s offerings of imaging, primary care and the most in-demand specialty services to children and adults— all under one roof.

With a focus on wellness and prevention, primary care accounts for a third of the Broadway practice’s services and includes internal medicine, gynecology and nearly an entire floor dedicated to pediatrics. The Broadway office’s primary care services, which include nine full-time physicians, forecasts 30,000 patient visits a year and will serve as an extension of the existing Weill Cornell Physicians primary care practice at West 72nd Street.

In addition to primary care, the Broadway practice offers the most in-demand specialty services, including dermatology, endocrinology, neurology, nutrition services, otolaryngology, pain management, reproductive medicine, a vein treatment center and pediatric subspecialties. The practice uses the same integrated electronic health record system as the other Weill Cornell Physician Organization practices and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, ensuring streamlined communication between patients and specialists.

An entire floor of the practice is dedicated to imaging through Weill Cornell Imaging at NewYork-Presbyterian. Patients have access to the highest quality diagnostic equipment, including MRI, a dual-energy and low-dose radiation CT scanner, ultrasound, X-ray and bone density scanner. Academic radiologists are on-site to read the results, and images, if needed, can be electronically transmitted in real-time for review by any of the 80 available radiology experts at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell. This service has been made possible through a partnership between Weill Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian dedicated to providing the most advanced imaging technology to patients.

New Child Care Center Established

After 18 months of planning and more than five months of renovations, Weill Cornell Medical College’s new 5,000-square-foot child care center will be brimming with children’s laughter this fall.

Weill Cornell completed construction in July to convert a former parking structure at 409 East 60th Street, between First and York avenues, into a home befitting infants, toddlers and pre-school aged children. The space is expected to open in early fall.

Splashes of blue, green, yellow and white encase the walls as the same colors alterately dot the floors. The lobby and adjoining playroom features a large aquarium, homemade abstract wooden chandeliers and a 12-foot rock climbing wall with multi-colored ledges. The child care rooms are divided by age group and each feature play areas, cubbies and a small kitchenette.

The child care center, which will have capacity for up to 60 children of Weill Cornell’s faculty, students and staff, will be operated by Bright Horizons Family Solutions, one of the world’s leading providers of child care services. The company operates child care centers and schools across the United States, Canada and Europe, including several in New York City, such as the Bright Horizons at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.
Construction began in January to convert space previously used for print periodicals — all now digitized — into the 24-hour study room. The room, which opened in April, features a large open space with a variety of functional and lounge furniture including moveable tables, desk chairs and armchairs. In addition, there are three enclosed group study rooms with whiteboard paint, enabling students to jot notes on the walls with whiteboard markers, and then wipe clean when finished. Open to all library users during the library’s regular hours, the room is available to students after the library is closed.

The collaboration room was built from an alcove that previously housed volumes of medical indexes to articles and journals that are now all available online, Cuddy said. Weill Cornell enclosed that alcove to create a room, also featuring whiteboard paint, where students and researchers could use video conferencing technology to reach their counterparts in other institutions all over the world. Installation of the technology began during the summer and is expected to be completed by the end of September. Both spaces have proved to be popular and library officials expect the rooms to be heavily trafficked when classes resume this fall.

The Samuel J. Wood Library Gets a Facelift

The Samuel J. Wood Library/C.V. Starr Biomedical Information Center at Weill Cornell Medical College was bustling with activity this winter and spring — and not just from assiduous students.

In order to modernize the library for 21st century medical education, Weill Cornell conducted renovations to create a 24-hour study room as well as a collaboration room equipped with video conferencing technology.

“We really want the library to be the intellectual hub for Weill Cornell Medical College,” said library Director Colleen Cuddy.

Timeline Installation Honors Sanford I. Weill

Weill Cornell Medical College honored Sanford I. Weill, chair of the Board of Overseers, with a timeline highlighting his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Medical College. The timeline, created in honor of Mr. Weill’s 80th birthday, is located in the main corridor of 1300 York Avenue.

The inscription on the timeline describes Mr. Weill’s enduring involvement and support for Weill Cornell. It reads, “His visionary leadership has brought this institution to the forefront of biomedical research, patient care, and education, and will sustain us as we pioneer the next generation of medical advancement to benefit New York City and the world.”

Offices on the Move

Numerous offices previously located at the Phipps House have relocated this summer, clearing the way for NewYork-Presbyterian to demolish the building and construct an ambulatory care center in its stead. Below is a list of offices that are on the move:

• Employee Assistance Program from Phipps House to 409 E. 60th Street. Contact information has remained the same.

• Dr. Anne Beeder, director of the Employee Assistance Program, from Phipps House to 1163 York Ave. Dr. Beeder’s new number is (646) 962-2463 with a new fax number to come.

• Dr. Jonathan Jacobs, Center for Special Studies/Infectious Disease from Phipps House to 525 E. 68th St., Baker Pavilion 23. The new phone number is (212) 746-1873.

• The Hypertension Clinic, the clinical practice of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, from Phipps House to the former bookstore at Lasdon House, 424 E. 70th St. The new phone number is (646) 962-2605.

• Travel Medicine/Infectious Diseases from Phipps House to Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., fourth floor. The new phone number is (646) 962-4791.

• Pulmonary Medicine from Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., fourth floor to 425 E. 61st St. Phone number remained the same.

• Center for Global Health from Phipps House to Laurel Building, 402 E. 67th St. The new number is (646) 962-8140.

• The academic office of Dr. W. Shain Schley, otolaryngologist, from Phipps House to Olin Hall, 445 East 69th St., Room 211. His phone number is (646) 962-2221.

• The billing office for the Department of Otolaryngology from Phipps House to Gracie Square Hospital, 420 E. 76th St. The phone number is (646) 962-3681.