

HACKENSACK MERIDIAN OCEAN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES



DR. ROBERT H. AND MARY ELLEN HARRIS HEART & VASCULAR CENTER

The new Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart & Vascular Center at Hackensack Meridian Ocean University Medical Center opened in May 2023 and contains three fully equipped labs, 10 same day rooms to support admissions, prep to recovery and discharges. The Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart & Vascular Center was built with foresight to accommodate the anticipated rapid growth in patient volume resulting from the State of New Jersey's approval of elective angioplasty (preventive cardiac procedures).

Previously, of all primary angioplasty hospitals in New Jersey that were not sanctioned to perform elective angioplasty, Ocean University Medical Center performed the largest number of STEMI cases (the most serious type of heart attack). Ocean University Medical Center has seen an average steady growth of 28% for cardiac procedures in recent years, and cardiologists at the medical center treat a higher volume of patients than comparably-sized hospitals. Anticipating population growth continuing in the future, especially with the aging population in Ocean County, the Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart & Vascular Center will help Ocean University Medical Center be ready and equipped to provide high quality treatment options in a superior healing environment.

Additionally, Ocean University Medical Center is a regional leader in vascular care, offering advanced vascular procedures. The medical center's vascular surgeons at Jersey Coast Vascular Institute offer one of the most comprehensive programs in the state, and treat acute issues such as ruptured aneurysms, carotid arteries, deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolisms, as well as offer minimally-invasive surgeries like Trans-cervical Carotid Artery Revascularization (TCAR), which dramatically reduces the risk of stroke in patients with blocked arteries.



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GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Graduate Medical Education (GME) began in July of 2018 at Ocean University Medical Center, establishing it as Hackensack Meridian Health's regional hub for resident training. The program provides unique residency training opportunities to young physicians who will have the opportunity to establish their practices in the communities that the medical center serves. In keeping with this philosophy, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine offers a unique program by which students may choose to enter directly into a residency program within the network. This opportunity enables the network to build a strong, continuous culture and fosters longevity and commitment amongst our physicians.

Throughout the program, residents are exposed to specialties including emergency medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, surgical services, orthopedics, sports medicine, gynecology, maternal care, dermatology, behavioral health and diagnostic/nuclear imaging. Each resident is responsible for a panel of patients, where the resident serves as the primary care physician, and the program director monitors patient care with the resident.

The GME program is a leader in several clinical and social priorities. As an example, the Family Medicine Residency Program is one of just 35 programs in the country participating in the National Initiative of the Alliance for Independent Academic Medical Centers working on an 18-month project to reduce patient length of stay.

The program comprises 120 residents and fellows in seven programs: Family Medicine (24), Internal Medicine (45), Pharmacy (2), Psychiatry (33), Transitional Year (12), Sleep Medicine Fellowship (2) and Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship (2).

RECENT INNOVATIONS

- **The Hirair & Anna Hovnanian Emergency Care Center** expanded in 2014 to meet the growing need of the community.
- **The Cancer Care Center**, opened in 2016, features 19 infusion stations in a light-filled, vibrant area for patients to receive their chemotherapy treatments in the best comfort available, and leading technology for radiation therapy treatments.
- **3 Southwest Pavilion** opened in 2017 and is a private patient room floor with hotel-like amenities, primarily used for post-op elective surgery.



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