A Place of Their Own

The Pediatric Emergency Department at Albany Med
Dear Friends,

The creation of an Emergency Department designed especially for the youngest members of our community has been a priority for me professionally, and personally, for many years. Professionally, this is the natural next step in Albany Med’s goal to provide the most comprehensive child health care services possible. A Pediatric Emergency Department will be unique to this region and will allow Albany Med to align our emergency services with the broader mission of our Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital.

On a personal note, my drive to create this very special place accelerated on a Saturday evening in the summer of 2010 when I accompanied my then 3-year-old granddaughter to our Emergency Room. As we have all come to expect, the care she received was superb, but I was disturbed that she, and other children, had to witness those frightening things that go along with an extremely busy, adult-centered emergency medical facility.

Choosing between the best care for their child and a less frightening place is a decision no parent, or grandparent, should ever have to make. Soon all of the children and teens of our community and region will have “a place of their own” to receive outstanding emergency treatment.

I hope you will join me in proudly supporting the Albany Medical Center Pediatric Emergency Department; our children deserve it.

James J. Barba
The Pediatric Emergency Department at Albany Medical Center will be the only one of its kind in northeastern New York and western New England. The bright, family-friendly facility to be located on the Albany Med campus will provide a safe and special environment where children and teenagers will be tended to by experts in pediatric emergency medicine. Located adjacent to, but totally separate from the existing Emergency Department, parents will feel secure in knowing that 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Pediatric Emergency Department will be available, just in case....

“We all want the children of the Capital Region to have the very best health care available. At Albany Medical Center and the Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital, families find the range and caliber of care usually available only in major metropolitan areas. Capital Region parents know that if something is amiss, Albany Med is the place their children should be.

But a piece has been missing. A crucial piece that will soon give local children and teenagers... a place of their own....

“...It’s important to be thinking about the next generation. I can’t think of a better way of spending money than investing in the community for our children.”

— C.J. DeCrescente
President, DeCrescente Distributing Company, Mechanicville

Introducing the

The Pediatric Emergency Department at Albany Med

Evan Borggreen, of Otsego County, is being treated for leukemia at Albany Med
Front Door of Care for Pediatric Patients

At the Pediatric Emergency Department, parents will not have to worry about children feeling frightened by being in a large, busy adult emergency room, yet they will have access to all that Albany Med, as the region’s only academic medical center, has to offer. Children brought to the Pediatric Emergency Department will have ready access to the physicians and resources available at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Med, the region’s only children’s hospital.

Ben Graber, of Niskayuna, came to Albany Med’s Emergency Department after experiencing a seizure. With a seizure, the possibilities can range from an isolated incident to epilepsy or even a brain tumor. The physicians at Albany Med had the expertise to diagnose Ben with a rare condition called Moyamoya that can cause children to have strokes.

“Ben was fortunate that Albany Med physicians diagnosed his condition before he suffered a serious stroke.”

—Ben’s mother, Barbara Graber, Niskayuna
“Our vision is a Pediatric Emergency Department where parents and pediatricians turn as their natural first choice because they know they will receive the care the youngster needs right away.”

— Dr. Christopher King
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine
Albany Medical Center

Our Leaders

Christopher King, M.D.

Dr. Christopher King is the chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center and an expert in both adult and pediatric emergency medicine. He leads the largest and most advanced Emergency Department and trauma center in northeastern New York, which has 76,000 patient visits each year.

Dr. King previously was associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has worked in the emergency departments of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. He is board certified in emergency medicine and pediatric emergency medicine.

He completed a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and residency training in emergency medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Denis Pauzé, M.D.

Dr. Denis Pauzé is vice chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center. Dr. Pauzé spent 12 years working at a trauma center in the Greater Washington, D.C., area before moving back to the Albany region. He is an associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at Albany Medical College.

He earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and holds an M.S. in physiology. He subsequently trained in emergency medicine at Albany Med and completed a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children in Virginia.

Dr. Pauzé is on the American College of Emergency Physicians Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee and has been a faculty instructor for the American Academy of Pediatrics.
We are excited to announce our plans to build a Pediatric Emergency Department, the only one of its kind in our region. This is the next logical step in the creation of the highest quality health system for the children of our community, as we have enhanced and expanded our other pediatric services over the last 20 years.

Annually, there are nearly 16,000 pediatric visits to our Emergency Department.

- 80% (nearly 12,500) are treated and released.
- 20% (more than 3,200) are admitted.

The number of pediatric patients transferred to our hospital is steadily increasing year after year.

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(2016 projected)

Major Drivers of Pediatric ED Visits

- Fever and other flu like symptoms
- Respiratory-related symptoms, like asthma
- Seizures • Injuries

Pediatric ED will be open 24/7, 365 days a year, serving children to age 18.

At Albany Med’s Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital, there are over 400 physicians and other health care providers specially trained in more than 40 pediatric fields, including pediatric pulmonary disease, pediatric surgery, pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric anesthesia and pediatric neurology.

Albany Med houses the region’s only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and high-level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
Of the nearly 16,000 pediatric emergency visits (through age 17), in 2015, 97% were patients from our 23-county New York State service area.

Albany Med is the only health care facility in the region to maintain and project significant growth in the number of patients treated each year. Within the realm of emergency care, the growth in pediatric visits, combined with the growth in adult visits, is stressing the capacity of our Emergency Department.

“We had two options; one was out-of-state. I chose Albany Med. We understand the gift of having Albany Med in our backyard.”

— Albany resident Jo-Anne Hughes, whose teenage son, Evan, was treated in the emergency room and our children’s hospital after a serious skiing accident in Massachusetts

Evan Hughes, of Albany, experienced trauma from a skiing accident
A PLACE OF THEIR OWN

Architectural rendering of the new Pediatric Emergency Department, Myrtle Avenue

Capital Region families who have turned to Albany Medical Center for their children’s emergency care have experienced the outstanding services and outcomes that only Albany Medical Center can provide. In the coming years, young patients who need urgent medical attention will have

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“It’s absolutely essential to the children and families of our region that Albany Med build a Pediatric Emergency Department. Now is a perfect time to join me in donating to this important project.”

— Charles Touhey
President, Touhey Associates, Albany
“I think it’s very meaningful for the community and for parents and pediatricians to have two emergency departments well integrated but also separated. I would encourage others to donate now.”

— John Nigro
President, Nigro Companies, Albany
Features of the Pediatric Emergency Department will include:

- Triage area to immediately assess the severity of illness or injury.
- Fast-track unit for children and teens with less-serious conditions.
- Observation unit for stays up to 23 hours.
- Private rooms designed for the safety and comfort of children and parents.
- Negative pressure rooms for suspected contagious disease.
- On-site X-ray and imaging with special precautions taken just for kids.
- Peaceful décor and atmosphere, child-size equipment.
- Games, toys and television to provide a distraction for children.
- Valet parking.
- Easy access for ambulances.
- Nearby rooftop medical helicopter pad.
“Over five decades, I’ve visited the Albany Med ED many times with my wife, children and grandchildren. It is very apparent to us that for an innocent child the experience can be terribly frightening, and it would be far better to have an ED dedicated to children. That is why my family chose to help make it a reality.”

— Michael M. Hayes
President, MM Hayes Company, Albany