



*Opening in March!*

# Put Your **Heart** in the Right Place

## *The Davis Family Heart & Vascular Center at Baystate Medical Center*

Baystate Medical Center's Heart & Vascular Center, opening in March, will carry the name of one of the region's most renowned and respected philanthropic families. **THE DAVIS FAMILY HEART & VASCULAR CENTER** is the first of the patient care areas to open in Baystate's new facility, currently in the final stages of construction.

The center provides a new home for Baystate's award-winning Heart & Vascular Program. "We're a national leader in cardiovascular care, among the best in the country on response times, outcomes, and survival rates," says Dr. Aaron Kugelmass, chief, Cardiology, and medical director, Baystate Heart and Vascular Program.

All of the extensive heart and vascular care currently provided at a variety of locations within Baystate Medical Center will be brought together under one roof in this visionary new facility.

"Cross functional surgical suites will enable us to deliver a full range of therapies—from imaging to surgeries—in one place," says Dr. Mark Hirko, chief, Vascular Surgery. "And a new 20-room Cardiac Assessment Recovery & Evaluation (CARE) Unit will allow patients undergoing outpatient procedures to go from pre-op to discharge in the same room, with the same nursing team."

"This facility will make a tangible difference in the lives of our patients," says Dr. John Rousou, chief, Cardiac Surgery. "It will facilitate better communication among physicians, improve patient satisfaction by streamlining the care experience, and generally allow us to deliver better, more integrated care by capitalizing on our strengths and commonalities."

Kugelmass continues, "As trends continue toward minimally invasive approaches to cardiovascular problems, we will continue to identify new ways to bring our perspective, knowledge, and expertise together on behalf of our patients. The new Davis

Heart & Vascular Center will facilitate that collaboration, while supporting the kind of high-quality clinical and nursing care that characterizes stellar programs. At the end of the day what really matters is the impact we have on each individual life."

As the region's only provider of tertiary heart and vascular services, Baystate Medical Center's experts perform more than 80% of all cardiac surgeries in western Massachusetts. It is among the top three highest-volume medical centers in the entire state for coronary surgery and coronary angioplasty. And it offers the region's only full-service interventional cardiac catheterization laboratory, with the capability to help stop a heart attack while it's happening.

"We see treatment of cardiovascular disease as a symphony—with the different pieces of our 'orchestra' coming together to deliver a healing rhythm of exceptional care. Everything about the Davis Heart & Vascular Center, from the look and feel to the functionality, has been designed with that in mind," says Betty LaRue, RN, director, Heart & Vascular Program.

"I think people will be amazed," says John Davis, who, with his family, made the largest gift ever given to Baystate Health in support of the new center. "The facility is well thought out and planned to provide the latest technologies in a warm, patient-centered environment that will bring cardiovascular services together in a way we haven't seen before."

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