



Center for Urology



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MISSION

Emerson Hospital will deliver high quality care to our community that is safe, compassionate, accessible, appropriate, efficient and coordinated.

VISION

Emerson Hospital will lead our communities to optimize their health and wellness by creating an efficient and effective coordinated system that provides a continuum of care and strives to improve the well-being of all.

HISTORY

Over 100 years ago, Charles Emerson recognized the need for a community hospital and in an act of generosity; he donated both money and land to establish the Concord Deaconess Hospital. On November 12, 1911, the 14-bed Concord Deaconess Hospital opened its doors. Its mission then, similar to today, was to provide quality, compassionate care to the residents of Concord and surrounding towns. Several years later, the young hospital faced a severe financial crisis and faced closure. However, the community rallied together and through multiple acts of philanthropy, the hospital was saved. Philanthropic support has propelled Emerson's advancement ever since.

Today, Emerson Hospital is a full service, multi-site health system, headquartered in Concord, with satellites in Groton, Westford, Sudbury and Baker Avenue in Concord and two urgent care centers located in Hudson and Littleton. With over 300 primary care doctors and specialists on staff, Emerson is well known for its exceptional medical and surgical specialists, as well as excellent nursing care and patient-centered services. The 179 bed acute care medical center provides advanced medical care to over 300,000 individuals annually in 25 towns. Our primary service area includes the towns of Acton, Ayer, Bedford, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Groton, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster, Lexington, Littleton, Lunenburg, Maynard, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, Sudbury, Townsend, Wayland and Westford.



VALUES

At Emerson, we:

- Put patients' needs first
- Strive to provide the highest quality care experience with compassionate, expert care
- Maintain a professional, respectful environment for patients, staff and community
- Embody integrity, pride and adherence to the highest moral, legal and ethical standards
- Are accountable for all of the above

2019 KEY STATISTICS

- More than 31,000 emergency department visits per year
- More than 14,000 day surgeries per year
- More than 68,000 rehabilitation treatments per year
- Nearly 45,000 home care visits per year
- Nearly 1,300 births per year

CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

Partners: Massachusetts General Hospital

- Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital~Bethke
- Medical Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Neonatology
- Thoracic Surgery



Partners: Brigham and Women's Hospital

- Gynecologic Oncology
- Perinatology
- Genetics

Partners: Mass General for Children

- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Nephrology
- Pulmonology

Partners: Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

- Otolaryngology
- Audiology

Lahey Hospital and Medical Center

- Neurosurgery

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- Joint Commission finds Emerson Hospital 99.3% compliant in the hospital and 99.85 compliant in Home Care.
- Designated Stroke Center
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Distinction for Maternity Care
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Distinction for Comprehensive Bariatric Care



- Baby-Friendly USA Designation
- Department of Public Health: Deficiency-free Clinical and Life Safety Survey – Transitional Care Unit (11 consecutive years)
- Boston’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For
- Women’s Choice Award – most recommended for overall quality and patient safety, bariatric surgery and obstetrics
- For 13 consecutive periods, awarded an “A” from The Leapfrog Group for patient safety



CASE FOR SUPPORT

NEW CENTER OF EXCELLENCE - EMERSON HOSPITAL CENTER FOR UROLOGY

Over the past decade Emerson Hospital has invested heavily in infrastructure improvements, technology and professional recruitment with one goal in mind – to become the leading medical provider for our region. Beginning with Project SCORE which transformed three key medical services: surgery, obstetrics and radiology to the most recent opening of the Clough Family Center for Rehabilitative and Sports Therapies and the Dr. Robert C. Cantu Concussion Center, Emerson has achieved significant advancements in a number of medical specialties. These Centers of Excellence offer our patients outstanding care distinguished by the personalized, compassionate approach which is a hallmark of the Emerson brand.

In 2019, Emerson Hospital will launch a new initiative to become the regional referral center for urologic disease. Under the leadership of internationally renowned urologist and surgeon, Dr. John Libertino, formerly Chair of Lahey Clinic’s Institute of Urology and Chief of Surgery, the hospital will create a new Center of Excellence dedicated to urology.

Located on the second floor of the Community Agencies Building on the hospital main campus, the new Emerson Hospital Center for Urology will be outfitted with six exam rooms, three procedure rooms, nurses’ stations, and a welcoming reception area. The 5,300 square foot center will offer patients access to urodynamic testing (or urodynamics) which assesses how the bladder and urethra are performing their job of storing and releasing urine. Urodynamic tests can help explain symptoms such as incontinence or frequent urination. These critical tests can show how well the bladder works and why there could be leaks or blockages.

The Center will have a particular focus on the treatment of complex urologic cancer cases, including those that require the most current reconstructive techniques. Among these techniques are several new procedures including a minimally invasive procedure pioneered by Dr. Libertino for complicated tumor removals from patients whose kidney cancer has grown into the vena cava and, also, non ischemic partial nephrectomy. Patients with advanced bladder cancer who must have their bladders removed may be able to obtain a new (neo) bladder through a specialized surgical reconstructive technique. This is done by removing a segment of the patient's small or large intestine, which is used to create a new bladder and provide normal lower urinary tract function.

Our urology patients will have access to the most advanced targeted biopsy procedures that more accurately determine whether a prostate cancer will grow slowly or quickly. This is of critical importance to determine how best to treat the patient. The prostate is first examined with MRI to look for areas that look abnormal and are more likely to contain cancer. Then an ultrasound is done with special equipment that matches the ultrasound images with the MRI in real time. This allows the doctor to target the abnormal areas for biopsy. In the standard biopsy, ultrasound is used to identify the prostate, but samples of tissue are removed randomly from different areas of the prostate.

In addition to direct patient care, the physicians will actively pursue advanced educational opportunities through continuing education, conference attendance, targeted research projects and advanced clinical training. This emphasis on continuing education and targeted research ensures that urologic patients of Emerson Hospital will have access to cutting edge medical care and will establish the hospital as a clinical leader in the treatment of urologic disease. As an example, one of our physicians is the lead investigator for a National Cancer Institute study looking at the impact of ECGC, a nutrient found in green tea. The research, slated for publication later in 2017, identified beneficial changes associated with ECGC when compared with a placebo.

THE PHYSICIAN TEAM – MAINTAIN STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The Center director, Dr. John Libertino, brings over four decades of groundbreaking research and treatment of urology patients to the Center. Prior to joining Emerson, Libertino held several senior positions at Lahey Clinic Medical Center including those as CEO, chair of the Division of Surgery, vice chair of the board of Trustees and director of the Sophia Gordon Cancer Center. A frequent contributor to medical journals, Libertino served as editor-in-chief of The American Journal of Urology Review and published more than 200 peer reviewed articles in the urologic and surgical literature. Dr. Libertino has written or edited 3 textbooks of urology and a 12-volume series entitled *International Perspectives in Urology*. Dr. Libertino will be joined by Dr. Jason Gee, Dr. Paul LaFontaine, Dr. Stephen Schloss and Dr. Jacqueline Brecht. Together they have formed Emerson Urology Associates.

Physician profiles:

- Dr. John Libertino received his medical training at Georgetown University School of Medicine. He trained in general surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and completed his residency at the Yale University School of Medicine.
- Dr. Jason Gee received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and served his residency at Lahey Clinic followed by a 2-year fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He was formerly director of urologic oncology surgery and research at Lahey Clinic.
- Dr. Paul LaFontaine graduated from Brown-Dartmouth Program of Medicine. He completed his internship (general surgery), residency (urology) and fellowship (urologic oncology) at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Dr. Stephen Schloss has been on the medical staff of Emerson Hospital for over thirty years. A summa cum laude graduate from Yale, he graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He trained in General Surgery at the Harvard Surgical Service and in Urology at Lahey Clinic.

- Dr. Jacqueline Brecht graduated from New York Medical College and completed her urology residency at Northeastern Ohio College of Medicine a component of the Cleveland Clinic System. She began her practice in urology in Anchorage, Alaska and later moved to western Massachusetts before joining Emerson Urology Associates in 2017.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Urologic cancer:

- Prostate cancer
 - Radical prostatectomy
 - Targeted prostate biopsies
- Kidney cancer
 - Partial nephrectomy - non clamping
 - Tumors growing into the vena cava
- Bladder cancer
 - Cystectomy and neo-bladder formation
- Testicular cancer
- Urethral cancer
- Penile cancer

Benign conditions:

- Prostate enlargement - BPH
- Urinary stones - laser treatment
- Female urology
- Urodynamics center to evaluate voiding dysfunction
- Incontinence - male and female
- Reconstructive surgery
- Sexual dysfunction - male and female
- Infertility
- General Urology

Surgical experience:

- Partial Nephrectomy - 3,000 procedures
- Radical Prostatectomy - 4,000 procedures
- Radical Nephrectomy with IVC Involvement- over 350 procedures
- Radical Cystectomy – 1,500 procedures
- Neobladders - 600 procedures

EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORTIVE CLINICAL SPECIALTIES

Complementing the work of Emerson Urology Associates will be outstanding clinical specialists from the departments of anesthesia, radiology, surgery and pathology in conjunction with the Massachusetts General Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital~Bethke with which the Associates have a formal affiliation.

- **Anesthesiology:** Today's new, safe, ultra short-acting anesthetic medications and sophisticated monitoring devices enable our highly-skilled anesthesia providers to provide our patients with the most up-to-date and best medical care possible. Our dedicated anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists – all of whom have received specialized training and board certification – work together as a team to ensure patient comfort and safety. Following surgery, patients are sent to the state-of-the-art Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) created as part of the comprehensive Project SCORE hospital upgrade. Here patients have one-on-one nursing care supported by patient monitors. The PACU also includes two recovery bays designed for the special needs of children.
- **Radiology:** Imaging techniques include the most up-to-date from ultrasound and x-ray to nuclear imaging, MRI and PET-CT. Also available is a new SPEC/CT unit that more precisely locates certain types of tumors with better image quality and less radiation exposure. New 3D imaging units in our breast health center use tomosynthesis to better screen patients with denser tissue. The hospital also maintains a full service accredited non-invasive vascular ultrasound laboratory. Our Picture Archival and Communications System (PACS) allows physicians connected to the hospital network to view images electronically – saving vital time for diagnosis and treatment.
- **Surgery:** Studies consistently show that the more experience a surgeon has, the better the outcome. Emerson's surgeons have years of experience. All are board certified. They are supported by state-of-the-art operating suites, imaging technology, anesthesiology, and an outstanding nursing staff. Our surgeons specialize in laparoscopic

techniques, minimally invasive approaches that use smaller incisions than traditional surgery and are associated with shorter hospital stays, less pain and quicker recoveries.

- **Pathology:** Behind every diagnosis and treatment plan is the work of Emerson Hospital's fully accredited*, comprehensive pathology laboratory. Our board certified pathology team directs the clinical activities of each section of Emerson's lab: chemistry, microbiology, blood bank, hematology, anatomic pathology and cytology. Using sophisticated laboratory analytics, they provide and interpret lab test results to help diagnose disease.

Our pathology team plays an essential role in diagnosing cancer. Cancer treatment is tailored to each patient's tumor. Pathologists identify attributes about each tumor that help oncologists design the most effective, personalized treatment plan. Emerson's pathologists use the most cutting-edge molecular tests available to aid in diagnosis and treatment.

**College of American Pathologists (CP), Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA-88), Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations (JCAHO), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Public Health (DPH), and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)*

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

The new Emerson Hospital Center for Urology is a \$2,000,000 project and will be funded by a combination of philanthropy and the hospital's capital budget. Named gifts demonstrate a donor's commitment to outstanding healthcare, provide essential financial support, and inspire others to ensure that this new Center will become the regional referral center for urologic disease. This targeted fundraising campaign includes a specific appeal for endowment funds which will support the continuing education, targeted research and advanced clinical training of the physician team.

In addition to specific named gifts, Emerson Hospital will recognize all donors to this effort who contribute \$10,000 or above. Their names will appear on a special campaign plaque that will be prominently displayed inside the Center.

- Center for Urology naming \$500,000
- Urology Center Endowment \$250,000
- Patient Reception/Registration \$100,000
- Procedure Room (2) \$ 50,000 (each)
- Physicians' Office (7) \$ 25,000 (each)
- Exam Room (7) \$ 25,000 (each)
- Staff Lounge \$ 25,000

If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, or you would like to make a gift, please contact Karl Kussin, at: (978) 287-3081 or kkussin@emersonhosp.org or Melissa Saalfield, at: (978) 287-3583 or msaalfield@emersonhosp.org. Gifts may be made as outright cash donations, gifts of stock, or pledged over five years.

Thank you for your consideration. Your tax deductible gift will advance Emerson Hospital's efforts to provide patients of the Emerson Center for Urology the outstanding, individualized care for which Emerson is known.

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