Facilities Improvements
BHS Renovations: Inside and Out

In 2008, over $17 million in renovations were completed at Berkshire Medical Center to improve the patient experience and enhance the delivery of care. Work within the hospital included additional space for the Pharmacy to accommodate the new medication management system and Omniscell technology; an expansion of the BMC endoscopy suite and multiple renovations including the radiology waiting room and film library, CT scan rooms, Intensive Care Unit, Medical Arts Building physician offices, Bishop Clapp building, Crane Center, 510 North Street and 610 North Street.

Exterior improvements included a new heated sidewalk in front of the BMC Main Entrance which reuses the hospital’s own steam to melt snow and ice; a new visitor parking lot at the Bishop Clapp building; and several employee parking lots were either created or renovated.

At Fairview Hospital, patient safety and comfort were also enhanced with facilities improvements and upgrades. In the Emergency Department, where 12,000 patients seek care every year, patients and their families experience more comfortable and attractive surroundings, as well as an enclosed triage area that allows for better privacy during the admissions and assessment process. Fairview Hospital's Family Birthplace installed a new security system, including video monitoring and alarms, that limits access to the Maternity Unit, assuring the safety of our smallest patients.

Improving Health, Transforming Lives

Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and sleep apnea are just some of the serious medical conditions associated with obesity. Less easy to measure is the isolation, constant anxiety about health and a sense of hopelessness often felt by those who have tried and failed, over and over, to do something about their weight.

The Berkshire Center for Weight Loss Surgery™ is helping people in our community improve their health and transform their lives. “The National Institutes of Health recognize weight loss surgery as the only method that works for people suffering from severe obesity,” said Andrew Lederman, MD, FACS, Medical Director of the Berkshire Center for Weight Loss Surgery™. “The key is not only excellent surgical care, but our comprehensive program that extends beyond surgery to include all of the education and support for lifestyle changes our patients need to succeed.”

Dr. Lederman and his partner, Robert D. Fanelli, MD, FACS, FASGE, offer Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding as well as Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to patients seeking to improve their health through weight loss surgery.

In addition to excellence in the operating room, the Berkshire Center for Weight Loss Surgery™ is distinguished by its Life Skills Workshops, where patients learn effective ways to interact with food and cope successfully with the challenges ahead, as well as state-of-the-art online resources made available by Surgical Specialists of Western New England, PA.

“I now know why it took me five years to have the surgery,” said Tricia Benoit. “I was waiting for the best doctors and the best program and that’s what I found with Drs. Lederman and Fanelli at BMC.”