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Mercy Hospital Opens \$5.1 Million MRI Suite

New 3T Scanner is one of the most powerful in the marketplace

BUFFALO, NY –Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, a Catholic Health facility, held a blessing and dedication ceremony for its new MRI Suite housed inside a newly-constructed 8,100 square foot addition to the hospital. The \$5.1 million project features a new Siemens 3T Magnetom Skyra MRI scanner, as well as a state of the art control room, holding and outpatient waiting areas, and a dedicated office space.

“This 3 Tesla MRI scanner offers our patients the gold standard in technology and the most powerful magnetic strength available for high quality imaging,” said Mercy President & CEO C.J. Urlaub. “With enhanced capabilities for clear and concise imaging of cardiac diseases and neurological disorders, this new MRI system supports the care provided at the Catholic Health Heart Center at Mercy Hospital and the Mercy Comprehensive Stroke Center.”

The new MRI features a larger “bore” or scanner opening and a shorter bore length that provides a more comfortable experience, especially for elderly or obese patients and individuals who may have claustrophobia, excessive pain or limited mobility. In addition, patients can benefit from shorter scan times, as well as mood lighting and music to create a calming environment.

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About Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital is home to the Catholic Health Heart Center, providing a full range of cardiac care services including heart surgery and the latest minimally invasive cardiac procedures, and serves as a Joint Commission-accredited Comprehensive Stroke Center with physician experts and capabilities to diagnose and treat the most complex stroke cases. In 2018, Mercy Hospital was recognized as a High Performing Hospital by U.S. News & World Report for heart bypass surgery and colon surgery. The hospital is also home to the Mercy Emergency Center featuring 32 private treatment rooms and a rooftop heliport, as well as the Family BirthPlace providing a full spectrum of maternity/child services, a neonatal intensive care unit and a specialized pediatric care unit. Mercy also offers a wide array of outpatient, primary care and rehabilitation services at convenient locations throughout the area, including 24/7 emergency care available at the Mercy Ambulatory Care Center in Orchard Park. Founded over 100 years ago by the Sisters of Mercy, the hospital is committed to medical excellence with an ongoing mission to reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.