

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

“The pediatric operating rooms and pre- and post-operative facilities in the old building were not designed to support state-of-the-art pediatric care. In our new, larger, and updated facility, we will be able to perform minimally invasive surgical procedures, hybrid procedures that combine minimally invasive with traditional techniques, and new treatment paths for pediatric cardiac surgery.”

—Walter Pegoli, Jr., MD (pictured), chief of pediatric surgery at Golisano Children’s Hospital, surgeon-in-chief, and the Joseph M. Lobo II Professor in Pediatric Surgery.



NEW SURGICAL FACILITIES TO ENHANCE CARE FOR KIDS

The William and Mildred Levine Pediatric Surgical Suite—scheduled to open in 2017—will be a bright, inviting space designed to put anxious children at ease and make the entire surgical process easier. The new space will let us provide the most advanced care for the region’s sickest children.

The updated Levine Pediatric Surgical Suite—part of the new eight-floor Golisano Children’s Hospital Building—will be among the best in the nation with six state-of-the-art operating rooms and the Clay E. and Rita M. Buzzard Pediatric Cardiology Catheterization Lab Suite, all specifically designed to care for children. The suite will include a dedicated operating room for cardiac surgery and one for orthopaedic surgery, and 23 private pre- and post-operative rooms. It will be much larger than our current facilities and equipped with advanced technology that enables our surgeons to perform minimally invasive and hybrid procedures, which combines high-tech and traditional techniques.

A new gastroenterology procedure suite—to treat disorders that involve the digestive system, liver, pancreas, and other areas—will be located in a newly renovated portion of Strong Memorial Hospital. The suite will be directly connected to our pre- and post-operative area in the Levine Surgical Suite by a new bridge. The suite will feature a procedure room, five patient prep rooms, and a nursing station.

Currently, Golisano Children’s Hospital performs over 21,000 surgeries a year—for patients in the 17-county Finger Lakes region and beyond—but a growing need could result in as many 30,000 surgeries annually. The new facilities will help handle the increase in patients—including those coming from across the nation—as well as help us attract more of the nation’s best pediatricians and pediatric surgical specialists. When work is completed, all of the hospital’s pediatric inpatients will be located in one child- and family-friendly location.



A Growing Need for Pediatric Cardiology Surgery

Our new cardiac operating room, together with a catheterization/electrophysiology lab—to evaluate a variety of heart diseases and conditions—is critical for a cardiac program that has exploded in growth over the past 15 years. George Alferis, MD (pictured), an internationally recognized pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon, leads our pediatric cardiac surgery program. Dr. Alferis, the Tansukh, Sarla and Rajesh Ganatra Professor in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, holds a rare subspecialty certification in congenital cardiac surgery and is one of only two pediatric cardiac surgeons in the upstate New York region. He has achieved the highest cardiac surgery survival rate in New York State for the most complex congenital heart diseases.

When Complete, the New Pediatric Surgical Suite Will Feature:

Six larger operating rooms including one dedicated to cardiology and another for orthopaedic procedures.

23 private pre- and post-operative recovery rooms

A pediatric cardiac catheterization/electrophysiology lab

A gastroenterology surgical procedure suite

A child-friendly waiting area for families

