



Photo left: Most patients and visitors enter Morristown Medical Center through the main entrance, which features the newly designed Simon-1 Lobby. Photo below: The lobby of the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, where more open heart surgeries are performed each year than at any other hospital in the state.



# Medicine On The Move

The famous Johnstown Flood struck in Pennsylvania, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington to the Union, and construction of the Eiffel Tower in Paris was completed. It was 1889. In Morristown, New Jersey, the former military capital of the American Revolution, Myra Brookfield had a dream of founding a hospital since none served the region, and made a bequest of her home to begin the process.

The stipulation was that the community would have to raise an additional \$15,000 over three years, about \$350,000 in today's dollars, to furnish and equip the new hospital. Through the tireless efforts of another woman, Augusta Stone, the necessary funds were secured, and thus began the legacy of what was to become a prominent medical center a century later.

## The dream grows

The original hospital structure was completed in 1898, and wings were added in 1909 and 1914. Eventually, the hospital outgrew its location, and a new building was completed in 1952, with wings added in 1962 and 1973. Today, Morristown Medical Center is part of the Atlantic Healthcare System, and its

buildings are composed of interconnected "specialty hospitals" that include the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, Goryeb Children's Hospital and Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, the largest cardiac surgery center in New Jersey. The center is also the official hospital of the New York Jets football team.

In 2009, Morristown Medical Center was designated, for the third time, a Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing Service, the highest level of recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for facilities that provide acute care services. Designated a Level I Regional Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons, the center offers emergency care with highly trained trauma teams.



## Morristown Medical Center Fast Facts

5,699 employees
1,245 physicians
186 medical residents
658 beds
36 elevators
37,725 admissions*
3,897 newborn deliveries*
77,093 emergency visits*
286,048 outpatient visits*
11,235 surgeries* (excludes open heart)
1,152 cardiac surgeries* (open heart)
15,207 ambulatory surgeries* (same-day surgery)

\*Annual estimate

Photo right: Ray Fochesto, manager of facilities at Morristown Medical Center, enjoys complete confidence in Schindler's service delivery program. Photo far right: Rob Murray, Schindler's on-site technician, keeps 36 elevators in top working order to meet the hospital's critical demand for uninterrupted mobility.



### Lifesaving mobility

According to Ray Fochesto, manager of facilities, "Morristown Medical Center is a fast-paced institution, and moving patients through the facility can be a matter of life and death. We have 400 trauma flights landing here every year, and transporting patients from the rooftop helipad to the OR is time-critical, so we rely on our Schindler trauma elevators to get the job done. They perform flawlessly."

Fochesto continued, "In fact, we have 36 elevators here, and Schindler maintains them all. We have a dedicated Schindler technician on-site named Rob Murray who's been with us more than four years, and I'm overwhelmed by his performance.

Rob is simply a gifted individual who keeps our elevators running day and night without breakdowns. While the elevators in critical areas are new, a few of our service elevators are 60 years old, and all passed a recent audit by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation that scrutinizes every operational function of the hospital, including our electrical and mechanical systems. Deciding to have a Schindler technician on-site is probably one of the best decisions we've ever made."

In 2011, Morristown Medical Center celebrates its 119th anniversary of serving the northern New Jersey community with a full range of medical specialties and services. ■