

Medequip Helps MedStar & Franklin Square Hospital Center Reach Their Goal

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Blue Bell, PA – Medequip International's transition management team recently put the finishing touches on the asset transition and patient decant of the newly built Franklin Square Hospital Center's 356,000 square foot patient tower.

"It was a much-needed upgrade and expansion for a truly key healthcare facility," said Trish Griffin, Medequip International Vice President of Planning and Transition. Ms. Griffin continued, "Franklin Square is the fourth largest hospital in Baltimore, and its Emergency Department (ED) is the busiest in the state, with more than 100,000 visits annually. They simply have outgrown the current facility and this seven-story Patient Care Tower, an expanded ED, will take them well into the future."

For the new Tower, Medequip International provided all of the medical equipment planning, budgeting, procurement, and install of new equipment. Medequip International also conducted and facilitated the transition of the current re-usable equipment to the new facility. The transition took place over a one-week timeframe right around the Thanksgiving holiday. This made for a challenging schedule. However, Medequip International, in partnership with Franklin Square, started the planning for the move almost a year in advance.

This Silver-LEED facility includes a new emergency unit that contains its own imaging department as well as 98 total treatment bays consisting of 10 triage bays, 12 pediatric bays and 9 pediatric in-patient beds, 6 psychiatric beds and 15 fast-track bays. The project also includes an intensive care unit, an intermediate care unit with 4 floors of medical/surgical units, pharmacy, radiology (including CT, PACS, ultrasound), and administration spaces.

Jeff Blum, a project leader for both the equipment planning and transition commented "The Franklin Square project represents the wonderful results of our passion and methodology coming together to help make something special" He continued "From the early planning through final implementation and transition, we made sure communication with everyone on the team was frequent, documented, and well-planned. Issues that arose, were identified early and addressed before becoming problems. This meant a lot of collaboration between Medequip International and Franklin Square. And in the end, they truly owned their hospital. It was a great team effort."

Medequip International is the pioneer in medical equipment planning and management services. Founded in 1977, and with a global client base, Medequip International has successfully completed over 1,500 projects, around the world. Service offerings include all phases of equipment planning and management but also procurement, installation, transition management, and design and architectural support services.

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