

# What's new at RWJ Barnabas Health's Somerville campus

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Stephen Izzo, director of development, Somerset Health Care Foundation, Richard Colavita, MD, immediate past president of Anesthesia Consultants of New Jersey, and Tony Cava, chief administrative officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, announce the \$150,000 contribution of Anesthesia Consultants towards the new surgical unit. (Photo: Photo courtesy of Anesthesia Consultants)

**Surgical Services Department renovations:** An \$11 million renovation project to expand services, improve efficiency and enhance the patient experience. The project includes the relocation of the Same Day Unit, renovation of the Endoscopy Suite, and construction of new waiting rooms and patient holding areas. Anesthesia Consultants of New Jersey, the anesthesiology practice that serves the hospital, is donating \$150,000 to the \$11-million project. To encourage others to support the renovations to the Surgical Services Department, Anesthesia Consultants designated \$50,000 of their pledge to “match” other gifts to the project.

“All of us at Anesthesia Consultants of New Jersey are privileged to provide anesthesia services at RWJ Somerset,” said Richard Colavita, immediate past president, Anesthesia Consultants of New Jersey. “Our ability to provide for the health and wellness of our community depends on all of us — physicians, nurses and hospital administrators — all working together to reach that goal.”

With 14 operating suites, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset performs more than 8,000 procedures each year in virtually every surgical specialty and features the latest surgical technologies, including the da Vinci robotic surgery system and high-definition digital laparoscopic equipment. Its Joint Surgery Center has received the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for total knee and total hip replacement surgery.

The hospital also performs about 6,000 diagnostic and therapeutic procedures each year for gastrointestinal (GI) disorders, such as heartburn, ulcers, unexplained bleeding, gallstones and blocked digestive passages. With the creation of the new Endoscopy Suite, the hospital will also be able to offer bronchoscopies to view the inside of airways as well as procedures to view the pancreatic and bile ducts.