

Liberty Update – Fall 2013

Liberty Campus to Expand

Cincinnati Children's will begin construction on two major projects at its Liberty Campus over the next 12 months.

- The first is building a new facility to house a proton therapy and research center for cancer treatment. Construction is slated to begin before the end of this year, and it will take three years to complete construction. Proton therapy is an innovative form of radiation treatment for pediatric cancers. A major advantage of proton therapy over other forms of treatment is its ability to deliver highly-focused radiation therapy to a tumor with remarkable precision. This approach avoids radiation exposure to healthy surrounding tissue in patients, significantly reducing the risks for long-term complications, and potentially improving tumor control, which makes it particularly beneficial for the care of children.
- The second is to add 30-40 new pediatric inpatient beds, which will be accomplished by adding a fourth floor to the existing three-story structure at the Liberty Campus. Construction will begin during the winter of 2014 and be completed in the summer of 2015. The beds planned for Liberty will add new capacity for patients receiving proton therapy, other types of cancer care, as well as other general and specialized pediatric care.

Some of the new support services required as a result of the bed expansion include a full-service cafeteria, a blood bank and an expanded pharmacy. The Liberty Campus will continue to provide all existing patient services both during and following construction.

Dermatology and Psychology Services added at Liberty Campus

Dermatology is now seeing patients every Friday at the Liberty Campus. The clinic is being staffed by Leigh Ann Pansch, MSN, FNP-BC, who has expertise in the diagnosis and management of eczema, psoriasis, warts, acne, molluscum, tinea, moles, and many other common pediatric skin diseases.

Psychology also has added clinic times and is now seeing patients Monday through Friday at the Liberty Campus. Dr. Beverly Smolyansky is currently seeing patients daily, and Dr. Abigail Matthews-Johnson, specializing in eating disorders, sees patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The division is in the process of adding additional providers this Fall to meet the patient demand at Liberty.

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