

BUILDING CREDITS:

Construction: Batson Cook

Architects: Stanley Beamon and Sears

Engineers: Tilden Lobnitz and Cooper

Mechanical: WW Gay

Electric: Miller Electric

Drywall & Finishes: Acousti Engineering



RISING TO NEW HEIGHTS

New patient care tower on the Southbank is the latest development in the Baptist Health network

Over the past several months, a new building has made its gradual emergence on the Southbank. At a time when new Downtown developments are few and far between, the steel frame, glass panels and spindly crane are impossible to miss as motorists speed by on I-95.

Baptist Health is behind the construction, and the tower will serve as a state-of-the-art patient care facility. While the structure has been in the planning stages for several years, it is only now coming to fruition with the aid of donations, bonds and reserves. As a result, the \$200 million project, designed by Stanley Beaman & Sears, will feature 338,000 square feet of usable space, with 167 beds serving both adults and children. Completion is expected to occur sometime around the fourth quarter of this year. Until then, here's a sneak peek of what's inside.

🏢 **Floor 11:** The top level will house the offices of hospital physicians, as well as shell space for future needs.

🏠 **Floors 8-10:** These floors will feature differing levels of adult neurological acuity, including an adult neuro-medical surgery unit on eight, an adult neuro-progressive care unit on nine, and a neurological intensive care unit on ten. The tenth floor also includes extra space to allow for future growth.

🏢 **Floor 7:** Level seven will be an adult version of Floor 4, serving as an adult hematology/oncology unit. It will feature the same kinds of bonuses as the children's floor with single-room residences and day beds.

🏠 **Floor 6:** This floor will house the adult telemetry unit, which allows doctors to take transmitted readings of cardiac patients. An assortment of cool colors will be used to decorate this floor to soothe the minds of those being treated.

🏢 **Floor 5:** Though its temporary purpose will be to serve as extra, unassigned space, the long-term use of the fifth floor will be to expand upon the pediatric or adult sections of the hospital, taking need into consideration.

🏠 **Floor 4:** The pediatric hematology/oncology unit will be based here and will serve patients that often require lengthy stays. Rooms will be 300 square feet, roughly double their present size, and feature pull-out day beds so family members can stay the night.

🏢 **Floor 3:** This level will be devoted almost entirely to children in the critical care unit, with room available to allow hospital staff to expand acuity without having to move patients to another floor. It will feature a pediatric clinical research center, a cardiovascular intensive care unit, and a pediatric acuity-adaptable unit.

🏠 **Floor 2:** The primary focus here is surgery and will be an expansion of Wolfson Children's Hospital. It will be home to operating suites for pediatric cardiovascular surgery, pediatric neurosurgery, and adult neurosurgery. All operating suites will be equipped with intra-operative iMRI and ICT paired with image-guided technology.

🏢 **Floor 1:** The ground level features separate lobbies for both the pediatric and adult wings of the building. In the pediatric wing, there will be a Children's Exploratorium with hands-on exhibits. The adult lobby will include a colorful piece of glass art by Stephen Knapp. In addition, there will be a pediatric day hospital with an infusion and dialysis center, as well as children's imaging and a pediatric behavioral health unit. ■