

With over 30,000 visits a year, the current 6,900 sq. ft. Emergency Department is undersized and operating above capacity. Current hospital planning standards call for 2 visits a square foot and therefore, would require an Emergency Department of 15,000SF. The ED project will be built in five (5) phases and will involve the renovation of some existing space and the construction of a new one (1) story building extension. The project will create; four (4) new Pediatric treatment rooms, five (5) Fast Track treatment areas, a Resuscitation room, a GYN room, and an Isolation room. This project will also create a gracious entry, new registration and waiting area, a separate pediatric waiting room, and a new covered entryway for ambulance patients. All work will occur while the ED continues to operate at full capacity.

The existing Intensive Care Unit on Tisch 15 East has not been significantly upgraded since its original installation 45 years ago. While innovative at the time of its design, the unit has not kept up with the technological changes as critical care medicine has evolved. The ICU will be completely renovated and double its current footprint on the 15th floor of Tisch Hospital. A two-phase process will enable the ICU to be in operation during construction. As a part of this scope of work, infrastructure upgrades are needed to provide code compliant HVAC, power, and medical gas systems. In order to expand the ICU into Tisch 15 West, a series of phasing moves are necessary to relocate existing units.

"We're enormously pleased with VVA's ability to quickly absorb the details of a series of complex projects and to assume a proactive leadership role, commented Debra Berger, VP of Facilities Management for NYU Hospital Center. "We have many constituencies in our organization and VVA has managed to keep us all on track, focused and moving forward effectively."

VVA manages renovation, relocation, re-stack, and building development projects for clients throughout the country. Their clients span a variety of industries, including, healthcare, law firms, media & entertainment, financial services, universities and building owners & developers. "This is a tremendous opportunity for us and a valuable learning experience," commented Bob O'Hea, Managing Director of VVA and Project Manager for the NYUHC project, "Although the demands from a complex phasing and budgeting perspective are similar to many of our larger projects, the issues specific to a hospital project are an interesting challenge." VVA is well-known for their "hands on" approach. "We will do whatever it takes to get the project done," explained Irwin Schneider, Managing Director of VVA.

New York University Hospital Center consistently ranks among the top hospitals in the country and has been recently recognized as a national leader in patient safety and quality of care. Ms. Panzarino added, "VVA is proud to partner with an organization of this caliber and we look forward to a long-lasting alliance."

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