

## A Message to Patients

In May of 2005 Montgomery Healthcare System (Montgomery) and the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network (Einstein) announced plans to explore a partnership to expand clinical services at Montgomery and to initiate planning for a new, technologically advanced medical center within five miles of Montgomery Hospital's current location. In January 2006 a definitive partnership agreement was finalized.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about the Montgomery/Einstein partnership.

*Q. What are the benefits of this partnership for the hospital?*

A. Montgomery Hospital needs a new home to replace our aging buildings and infrastructure. Our partnering with Einstein affords us the opportunity of sustaining our services to the community in a new, technologically advanced medical center.

The partnership with Einstein also allows us to continue our investment in new patient care technologies prior to our moving into the new medical center.

*Q. Did Einstein buy Montgomery Hospital?*

A. No. Montgomery Hospital will remain an independent community hospital. The hospital will be governed by its Board of Directors and Management.

*Q. Where will the new hospital be located?*

A. Several sites are under consideration. The preferred site is the Unisys property in Whitpain.

*Q. What will happen to the existing hospital in Norristown?*

A. A Board of Directors with representatives from both Montgomery and Einstein will work collaboratively with community and political leaders to assess and define the scope of services that will remain at the Norristown campus. The Board will also consider alternative uses of the hospital facility.

*Q. What will happen to Montgomery Hospital employees?*

A. Employees who are in good standing will be offered a comparable position when the new hospital opens.

*Q. Will any jobs be lost in the proposed move?*

A. No. We anticipate that the new medical center will increase the number of jobs by 50 to 75 percent.

*Q. Montgomery Hospital has invested millions of dollars in their existing facility during the last several years. Will the Hospital continue to invest in its Norristown campus?*

A. Yes. We will continue multimillion dollar investments in patient care technology.

*Q. How does the partnership affect other entities in the Montgomery Healthcare System – i.e. the Montgomery Hospital Foundation, Fornance Physicians, Inc., Montgomery Medical Equipment, etc.?*

A. Each of these entities will realize the benefits derived from the Einstein partnership.

*Q. How will people without transportation get to the new facility?*

A. The vast majority of our patients arrive by motor vehicle. For the very small percentage of patients who do not have access to transportation and who live within five miles of our campus, our Courtesy Van provides service for those patients requiring transportation for outpatient visits. We anticipate offering similar services to accommodate patients requiring travel to the new hospital. We will continue to update you with more information on specific transportation options as studies are concluded.

If you have a question not answered above, do not hesitate to contact the hospital's public relations office at 610-270-2219 or visit our website at [www.montgomeryhospital.org](http://www.montgomeryhospital.org)

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