

# Just the Facts

THE WYNN HOSPITAL

Each week, “Just the Facts” provides information about a key aspect of The Wynn Hospital being built by Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS). It is designed to keep our medical staff, employees and volunteers updated and to share with family, friends and neighbors so we keep our community informed about how we’re transforming healthcare in our region.



## TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022:

***I’ve been hearing about eminent domain being used on a building in the footprint of a new Medical Office Building/Ambulatory Surgery Center that will be constructed next to The Wynn Hospital. Can you tell me more about this?***

Initial planning for The Wynn Hospital not only included the inpatient hospital itself, but also a medical office building/ambulatory surgery center (MOB/ASC) to be constructed by a third-party developer which will provide physician office space as well as an ambulatory surgery center, outpatient laboratory and radiology in close proximity to the new hospital. The location for this building was decided once details around the final construction of The Wynn Hospital and Central Utility Plant (CUP) were known. The building and adjacent parking will be located on Columbia Street with the MOB/ASC planned for the corner of State and Columbia.

Last Friday, the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) voted to move forward with eminent domain on the 411 Columbia Street property – the final property needed to move forward with construction of the MOB/ASC. The MOB/ASC will be developed by Central Utica Building, LLC (CUB) which is composed of a group of local physicians who came together to develop a MOB/ASC adjacent to The Wynn Hospital.

MVHS is making a \$611 million investment in The Wynn Hospital Clinical Campus – a comprehensive medical campus designed for accessibility for providers and patients, both inpatient and outpatient services as well as the ability to develop a robust teaching program.

The development of a MOB/ASC adjacent to The Wynn Hospital is crucial to the overall project because the services housed in this building complement the work being done in the hospital and work collaboratively to support each other. The MOB/ASC is planned to house multiple physician practices, and MVHS will lease space for an ambulatory surgery center, outpatient radiology and a laboratory patient service center.

The overall plan for The Wynn Hospital included construction of the hospital as in inpatient facility and to locate outpatient surgeries, services, and procedures in an MOB/ASC next to the hospital. Placing these services in the MOB/ASC not only allows for easy patient access, but it creates a significant cost saving for the project as it is much costlier to place these services within the hospital itself.

The use of eminent domain for 411 Columbia Street has been discussed for the last two years as this site is essential to the long-term plan of The Wynn Hospital Clinical Campus. It’s unfortunate that at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour a previously uninvolved party from Syracuse entered the picture, making it far more complex and costly to complete the existing plans for the MOB/ASC.

We appreciate Oneida County’s continued support on this project and the CUB for developing this important addition to The Wynn Hospital Clinical Campus.