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## **Christiana Care Health System Begins Construction on Four-Story Garage at Christiana Hospital**

(NEWARK, Del.—Aug. 10) Christiana Care Health System is building a four-level, 750-space parking garage for patients and visitors on the Christiana Hospital campus, directly at the main entrance to the hospital. Planned in consultation with Christiana Hospital’s Patient and Family Advisory Committee, the garage is expected to open in June 2017, increasing access and convenience for patients and families.

“The decision to build this new garage speaks directly to our commitment to increasing access to care and creating an exceptional experience for our patients and visitors,” said Sharon Kurfuerst, Ed.D., OTR/L, FACHE, FAOTA, FABC, senior vice president, Health Services Operations.

“This garage will increase patient and visitor parking on campus as close as you can get to the front door. This is, without question, the safest, most ideal location for the convenience of patients and visitors.”

The new garage, on the site of a current surface parking lot, will complement Christiana Hospital’s architectural design and brick façade and will feature a covered walkway to the main entrance. The architect for the garage is Walker Parking Consultants and the construction manager is Skanska USA.

The garage’s “flat-plate” design eliminates parking on sloping ramps, and energy-efficient LED lighting will enhance comfort and safety. As another added convenience, Christiana Care’s campus shuttles and DART buses will be able to pull directly into the garage to drop off and pick up passengers.

The Christiana Hospital campus will remain fully operational during the construction project. Christiana Care is offering free expanded valet and shuttle service for the convenience of patients and families during construction.

To follow progress and learn more, visit [christianacare.org/parking](http://christianacare.org/parking).

### **About Christiana Care Health System**

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care systems, ranking as the 21st leading hospital in the nation and 10th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians,

medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center that treats adults and children, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds. For more information about Christiana Care, visit [www.christianacare.org/whoweare](http://www.christianacare.org/whoweare).



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