

Straight to the Top! Weill Cornell Celebrates 'Topping Out' for New Ambulatory Care and Medical Education Building

In a time-honored building tradition, Weill Cornell's newest facility "topped out" with a flourish as the final beam soared to the roof of the 4,000-ton steel frame on May 16.

The ceremony marks a milestone for the building, the centerpiece of the Medical College's multimillion-dollar campaign. It also draws attention to the remarkable pace of construction, taking place just 357 days after last May's groundbreaking ceremony. The building is ahead of schedule and within budget, despite a harsh winter and wet spring.

On a fair day that augured a sunny outlook for the building's completion, Medical



DEAN ANTONIO GOTTO AND SANDY WEILL, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF OVERSEERS, SIGN THE TOP BEAM BEFORE IT IS LIFTED INTO PLACE.

College faculty, staff, community leaders, and supporters, along with Bovis Lend Lease officials, structural steel contractors, and the project's ironworkers gathered at the base of the structure to sign their names on the beam. A crane then hoisted the beam, and the fir tree perched on top, 15 stories to the roof.

The frame will house 330,000 square feet of modern, patient-oriented facilities and amenities, and several specialty clinical practices for integrated patient care. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006. •



The **steam line**—a critical utility link between the east and west sides of York Avenue—has been completed ahead of schedule in preparation for heating the new building.

Tours and Talks Mark Opening of New Physiology and Biophysics Space

The Department of Physiology and Biophysics is now enjoying newly renovated offices and laboratories on the fifth floor of 1300 York Avenue. The dedication of the new space was marked earlier this year with a reception, faculty presentations and visits—both real and virtual, as shown at right by Dr. Thomas Maack. Dr. Harel Weinstein, the Maxwell M. Upson Professor, welcomed the gathering of faculty and friends and showcased the facility's new technology and spacious work environment.



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Site Seeing at Weill Cornell

A Floor-by-Floor Update at 575 Lexington Ave.

TO ACCOMMODATE THE MEDICAL COLLEGE'S expanding need for program support space, new construction and renovations are moving forward on three floors of rental space at 575 Lexington Avenue.

Several departments share space on the sixth floor, including the Physician Organization Office, which moved into 18,000 square feet of space in March 2004, and the Office of Academic Computing. As tenants of the building move out, addi-

tional space is being allocated to a number of departmental billing offices, including OB/Gyn, Pathology, the Center for Reproductive Medicine, and the IPA Managed Care Office.

The last parcel of space is designated for the Physicians Assistants Program as well as the New York office of Weill Medical College-Qatar. Currently housed at 425 East 61st Street, the Qatar office is more than doubling its new space to 3,510 square feet.

Did you know Weill Medical College has many off-site locations —some of the largest are:



100 Broadway
FINANCE

575 Lexington Avenue
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC COMPUTING
WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE-QATAR, NEW YORK OFFICE
PHYSICIAN ORGANIZATION OFFICES
PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT PROGRAM

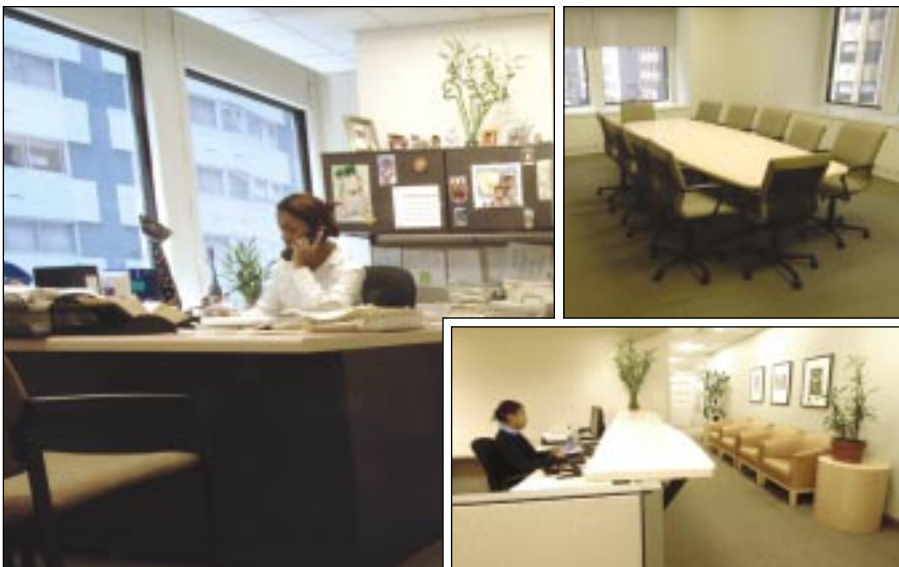
201 East 80th Street
CORNELL MEDICAL ASSOCIATES — EAST SIDE

12 West 72nd Street
CORNELL MEDICAL ASSOCIATES — WEST SIDE

The PA Program, currently located at F-19 in the Medical Center, will move into 6,342 square feet. The new quarters will include a classroom for 42 students and faculty offices. Construction is set to begin in mid-June and the space is scheduled for occupancy by mid-September.

As tenants have vacated the building, the Physician Organization Office has expanded and renovated additional space on the fifth floor. In 1999, the Physician Organization Business Office, which handles billing and collection, moved into 20,000 square feet of space. Construction is soon to begin on an additional 10,000 square feet, and when that is completed, the PO will occupy the entire floor.

Two years ago, the Physician Organization Information Systems department and the Office of Academic Computing moved to the third floor. ●



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Project Schedule

■ CONSTRUCTION MAY TO SEPTEMBER 2005

PROJECT	LOCATION	JUN-05	JUL-05	AUG-05	SEP-05
YORK AVENUE AMBULATORY CARE BUILDING	York Avenue	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
LASDON HOUSE UPGRADE	Lasdon House	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
LASDON HOUSE EXERCISE FACILITY	Lasdon House	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
CARDIOLOGY LABS RENOVATION	A-3	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
CELL BIOLOGY EXPANSION	A-5	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
LECTURE ROOM A-250 RENOVATION	A-250	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
S BUILDING CHILLER INSTALLATION	S Building	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
IMAGING CENTER OXYGEN SYSTEM	S Building	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS TRAINING FACILITY	575 Lexington	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
PHYSICIAN ORGANIZATION BILLING OFFICE	575 Lexington	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
WMC-Q LIAISON OFFICE	575 Lexington	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			
OAC EXPANSION	LC-0, D-0	[Yellow bar spanning Jun-05 to Sep-05]			