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It's Official! St. James Mercy Hospital Is Part of UR Medicine

HORNELL, N.Y. – Leaders from UR Medicine and the St. James Mercy Hospital board announced to staff that they have finalized an affiliation agreement between the two organizations.

St. James Hospital is the sixth to join UR Medicine's network of inpatient hospitals, including Strong Memorial and Highland in Rochester, Jones Memorial in Wellsville, Noyes Memorial in Dansville, and F. F. Thompson in Canandaigua.

Since 2015, St. James has partnered with UR Medicine under an administrative services agreement that has brought new health services to Hornell including primary care, gastroenterology, imaging, and otolaryngology. Last year, the hospital welcomed a Chief Medical Officer from UR Medicine, Bilal Ahmed, M.D., who leads quality improvement initiatives and helps recruit physicians to the Hornell area. The affiliation will help St. James to continue expanding services and improving patient care, and to complete construction of the new Hornell Medical Village on schedule. UR Medicine also has a collaboration agreement with [Oak Orchard Health](#), which has helped to expand availability of primary care, pediatrics, and dental services in the Hornell area.

“I’m pleased to welcome St. James Mercy Hospital into the UR Medicine affiliate network,” said University of Rochester President **Richard Feldman**. “Through the excellent resources of our medical center, the University of Rochester is committed to supporting local health care and high-quality patient services throughout the region.”

“UR Medicine wants to ensure that hospitals like St. James remain the cornerstone of health care in their communities,” said **Mark Taubman, M.D.**, CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center and UR Medicine and dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry. “Our regional strategy supports the goal of keeping care local and allowing hospitals like St. James to serve as economic anchors for their communities. The affiliation also provides a strong connection to highly specialized UR Medicine services in Rochester, so that patients never need to leave Upstate New York for almost any medical need.”

The board of St. James Mercy Hospital voted unanimously in favor of their hospital's affiliation with UR Medicine. **Dr. Susan Gray**, chair of the St. James Mercy Hospital Board of Directors, congratulated the St. James team and said, “Our longstanding relationship with UR Medicine has complemented the hard work of the St. James board and leadership to date, and we look forward to continuing our work to deliver top quality health care to residents of the Hornell area.”

About St. James Mercy Hospital and the Hornell Medical Village

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

Working with UR Medicine, St. James was able to secure \$62.8 million from New York State for construction of a new hospital and an electronic medical record (EMR) system. Scheduled for completion in 2019, the new hospital will include 15 inpatient beds; a surgical suite with two operating rooms, two procedure rooms and 15 pre- and post-surgery beds; an Emergency Department with eight treatment rooms and four observation beds; Imaging services; and cardiac rehab. An adjacent medical office building will include outpatient specialty clinics, physical therapy, and Express Care.

About UR Medicine

UR Medicine is the University of Rochester's health care network. It includes the 846-bed Strong Memorial Hospital and its inpatient and outpatient components such as Golisano Children's Hospital, Wilmot Cancer Center, and Flaum Eye Institute, as well as the University of Rochester Medical Faculty Group, Highland Hospital, Jones Memorial Health, Noyes Health, Thompson Health, Eastman Dental, The Highlands at Brighton, The Highlands Living Center, Visiting Nurse Service, and a range of clinical programs serving patients across western New York. Visit www.urmedicine.org.

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