

TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022:

Why just one hospital for our community?

The Mohawk Valley once had more than 10 hospitals providing care, but over the years, that number has dropped to two inpatient hospitals. St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth will move to one hospital with the opening of the Wynn Hospital. Is that a good thing?

Yes! All of the services currently provided at the two existing hospitals will relocate to the Wynn, which means that all the specialized physicians, staff, equipment and services will all be under one roof. It is not uncommon today for a patient at one facility to have to be transferred to the other hospital for specialized services, or simply availability of space. Physicians often find themselves being pulled in two directions with patients at two different locations. Currently, trauma, stroke, cardiothoracic, maternity and pediatric services, to name just a few, are cared for by specially trained staff at only one of our locations. There are times when one patient may need more than one of these services, but the services are located at different campuses. An example of this is a pregnant trauma patient. In many emergency cases, timing of receipt of care can have a significant impact on the patients' outcome and recovery.

One hospital is not just for convenience, but rather a significant quality of care issue which the Wynn Hospital address.