

Just the Facts

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, JUNE 20, 2023:

Let's stop the rumor mill!

The closer we get to opening the Wynn Hospital in October 2023 (and moving our patients on October 29), the crazier the rumors are becoming! In the last two editions of Darlene's Digest, I shared about seven or eight of the most common and current rumors – many that have been swirling since I arrived here four and a half years ago.

"Rumor of the Week" last week was the acquisition of MVHS by a larger healthcare system. That would be a "no." Acquisitions of nonprofit healthcare systems don't happen in silence. Public hearings and transparency are required.

This past weekend's rumor was that I am no longer the CEO of MVHS and another individual had been named to that position. (The person named is actually CEO of another organization in the area.) I'm still here.

This rumor was posted on the site of the "no hospital downtown" people. Pretty funny. These are same people who told me more than four years ago that the hospital would never get built, that I didn't know whom I was up against. Well, if they've driven through downtown Utica they can see for themselves that the Wynn Hospital is a reality. And yes, our move-in date is still October 29.

Since my arrival in the Mohawk Valley, our organization has honored our commitment to sharing information with our employees, our Medical Staff and our community. We provide regular updates on the Wynn Hospital and all things happening at MVHS, and are in the media at least once a week providing information to our community. Good news and bad – we share it all.

And, I always appreciate when someone asks me about a rumor they've heard. That helps us stay focused on the truth, not to mention staying focused on our patients!

This is a time for our healthcare organization and our community to be focused on the positive future of our hospital and the Mohawk Valley. Now is not the time to be focused on petty rumors. If you hear something, ask any member of the senior or executive management team for clarification. And, please, please do not be the source of the rumors or someone who passes them on. Learn the facts. Let's all stay focused on this truly spectacular time in the history of our City and our region – a brand new hospital, which has been one of the catalysts for the renaissance happening right here.