

Rhythm Strip

Hahnemann
University Hospital



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New Emergency Department Opens

With a day-long celebration that included a traditional Chinese lion dance performed by the Holy Redeemer School children, tours, delicious refreshments and information sessions led by Hahnemann's physicians, the new 31-bed Emergency Department opened on Nov. 4.

Its new features include:

- MedHost Tracking System: an electronic system that tracks a patient through admission, all doctor/nurse/interactions and tests to discharge
- Three registration stations plus bedside registration
- 31 private patient rooms with telephones
- Three trauma bays
- Four critical care rooms with TV, bathroom and phone
- Philadelphia's most comprehensive decontamination unit
- Language line access
- Selected Internet access



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, left to right, first row: David K. Wagner, M.D., chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine; Jewel Williams, state representative, District 197; Michael P. Halter, CEO; Donna Fisher, director, Emergency Department; Jill Tillman, COO, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and HUH's former CNO; Andrew Wigglesworth, president, Delaware Valley Healthcare Council; second row, Leonard Samuels, M.D., clinical service chief, Emergency Medicine; Joseph Karam, M.D., director, Trauma Services; Joseph Mack, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Command, Philadelphia Fire Department and John Slimm, director, Maintenance.

Children from Holy Redeemer School in Chinatown perform the traditional lion dance to dispel bad spirits in our new Emergency Department.



Modeling the protective suiting used for the decontamination unit are Dennis Dougherty, MedTex Services vendor and John Wierzbowski, industrial hygienist. Safety Officer Luis Gonzales pretends to be a biohazard victim.

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