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First look inside Adams Neurosciences Center marks new era for neuroscience care

Yale New Haven Health celebrates opening milestone for state's largest healthcare construction project with an unveiling ceremony

NEW HAVEN, CT (Nov. 19, 2026) – Four years after breaking ground, Yale New Haven Hospital today offered a first look inside the Adams Neurosciences Center, marking a major milestone with an unveiling ceremony bringing together leaders from Yale New Haven Health, Yale School of Medicine and Yale University, along with patients, donors, community leaders and elected officials.

The more than 500,000-square-foot center on Yale New Haven Hospital's Saint Raphael Campus represents the largest healthcare construction project in Connecticut. It will bring advanced neurological and neurosurgical care together with groundbreaking research and innovation from Yale School of Medicine under one roof. The center is scheduled to welcome its first patients in February 2027.

"Four years ago, we broke ground with a bold vision for what neuroscience care could become. Today, we can see that vision brought to life," said Pamela Sutton-Wallace, MPH, acting chief executive officer, Yale New Haven Health. "The Adams Neurosciences Center will serve not only as a destination for the most complex neurological care, but as a hub that strengthens access to neuroscience care throughout our health system, across Connecticut and around the world. The discoveries made and the therapies advanced here will shape how neurological conditions are diagnosed and treated far beyond our walls."

The Adams Neurosciences Center features two patient towers with 184 private patient rooms, four advanced neurosurgery operating rooms, rehabilitation services and advanced neuroimaging. Its clinical programs will care for patients with epilepsy and seizures, movement disorders including Parkinson's disease, spinal disorders and neurovascular conditions including stroke and aneurysms.

The Center will also feature advanced technology designed to support the diagnosis and treatment of complex neurological conditions, including Connecticut's only PET/MRI system, which combines PET and MRI capabilities in a single platform to support both patient care and clinical research. An intraoperative MRI will allow surgeons to obtain real-time imaging during surgery, while a biplane system will support complex neurovascular procedures, including the treatment of ischemic stroke.

It will offer advanced neurorehabilitation technology designed to create new possibilities for recovery, including immersive virtual and mixed-reality therapy, robotic exoskeleton technology and a three-dimensional body-weight support system.

"The Adams Neurosciences Center is built for the future of neuroscience and for the patients who will count on us in the years ahead," said Katherine Heilpern, MD, president, Yale New Haven Hospital. "Innovation will be part of every patient's experience here, from the latest imaging and surgical technology to clinical trials that open the door to tomorrow's treatments. This is a place that will inspire our clinicians, researchers and caregivers to keep pushing what is possible, and it will deliver life-changing care that ranks among the best in the nation, right here in Connecticut."

At the heart of the Center is the close partnership between Yale New Haven Health and Yale School of Medicine, bringing clinicians, researchers and scientists together to accelerate the translation of scientific discovery into new treatments and better outcomes for patients. The integrated model is designed to provide highly personalized care across the continuum of neuroscience services, from advanced medical and surgical treatments to emerging therapies.

"The Center exemplifies the promise of academic medicine: bringing together clinical expertise and scientific discovery to develop new therapies, advance personalized medicine, and improve outcomes for patients," said Nancy J. Brown, MD, the Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of Yale School of Medicine and the C.N.H. Long Professor of Internal Medicine. "Advances in genetics, molecular biology, imaging, artificial intelligence, and engineering are offering unprecedented insights into how the brain functions and how we can intervene when those functions are disrupted. We are so grateful to Denise Adams for investing in and catalyzing this opportunity."

The project was made possible in part through the transformational philanthropic generosity of the Adams. Their support reflects a longstanding commitment to advancing health, education and the arts and will help expand the possibilities for neuroscience research and patient care.

"When Stephen and I first envisioned what our support could make possible, we hoped it would help create a place where discovery could translate into hope for patients and families," said Denise Adams. "To stand here today and see this extraordinary center come to life is deeply meaningful. This building is ultimately about people, those facing some of the most challenging moments of their lives and the physicians, scientists and caregivers working every day to create

new possibilities for them. I am incredibly proud of what this center will mean for Connecticut and for patients well beyond our state."

Patients also shared their personal journeys during the celebration, offering a firsthand perspective on what access to highly specialized, coordinated neuroscience care can mean for patients and families facing complex neurological conditions. The Center was designed to bring expertise, technology and multidisciplinary care together in one place, with patients and families at the center of that care.

"Today is not just a celebration of Connecticut's advancements in research and innovation, it is also a celebration of our state's continued commitment to delivering the best patient care possible. The Adams Neurosciences Center is a shining example of delivering next-generation, highly specialized care while still meeting the human needs of patients and their families," said Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz. "I am thrilled to finally cut the ribbon on this project and soon open the doors to patients."

"Every one of us has someone they love who has suffered from a neurological disease — whether it's Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, seizures, or a stroke," said New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker. "With over half of all Americans experiencing at least one neurological disease or disorder, the need for more advanced treatment, research and innovation in neuroscience could not be more clear. The Adams Neuroscience Center will help meet this need head on. New Haven and Connecticut residents will now have access to some of the most advanced, innovative and specialized neurological care delivered by some of the most skilled, committed and caring medical professionals."

With construction substantially complete, the focus now turns to welcoming patients and beginning a new chapter in neuroscience care. The Adams Neurosciences Center will bring highly specialized expertise, research and innovation together to expand what is possible for patients across Connecticut and beyond.

Yale New Haven Hospital *(YNHH), part of Yale New Haven Health, is a nationally recognized, 1,541-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Yale School of Medicine (YSM). Founded as the fourth voluntary hospital in the U.S. in 1826, today, YNHH has two New Haven-based campuses, and also includes Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital. YNHH has received Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's highest honor of nursing excellence. YNHH has a combined medical staff of about 4,500 university and community physicians practicing in more than 100 specialties.* [*www.ynhh.org*](http://www.ynhh.org)