Baystate Medical Center is moving forward with plans for building the Hospital of the Future that will support the growing and changing health care needs of patients. Construction is planned to begin in 2009 with new patient care areas open in 2012. To make way for the new construction, the Porter Building will come down in the fall of 2008.

We are planning a 599,100 square-foot project to include:
- A state-of-the-art Heart & Vascular Center
- Additional procedure rooms to accommodate the most advanced equipment
- Replacement of existing rooms with patient-centered, private accommodations
- A “green roof” park-like space for the enjoyment of patients, visitors and employees.

The Hospital of the Future will be designed by the award-winning Steffian Bradley Architects, designers of the D’Amour Center for Cancer Care, the Chestnut Building, and 3300 Main Street in Springfield.

This project will help ensure that we have bed and procedure capacity and spaces to accommodate new technology and services to meet the needs of our community in the future. We plan to use “green building practices” which includes environmentally friendly materials and design.

Baystate Medical Center’s plan was unanimously approved by the state Public Health Council on Nov. 14, and by the Springfield City Council on Feb. 25. Now that Baystate has received approval, we will be continuing the design, financing and permitting processes leading to the construction phase. Construction is expected to begin in 2009, with expected completion in 2012.

Baystate Health’s mission is to improve the health of the people in our communities every day, with quality and compassion.