Maine Medical Center is planning a project to modernize and expand its inpatient and outpatient facilities. The project will take five years to complete and is expected to cost $512 million.

“Patient-centered care is more than a slogan for Maine Medical Center,” said Richard Petersen, president and CEO. “It informs everything we do, including this project. This is really about one thing: Making sure we can provide the very best possible care for our patients for years to come.”

This project will provide the modern medical environment our patients and staff deserve, including:

- A new 300,000 square-foot expansion, most of which will be in a new structure that will re-orient MMC’s main entrance on Congress Street
- Development of a new 1,176-space employee parking garage
- Creation of 128 total patient rooms with single beds that can accommodate a range of patient conditions. This will allow for the conversion of some existing double-bed rooms into single-bed rooms
- 20 modern “universal procedure rooms” to replace our existing 20 procedure rooms that have become outdated
- Relocation of the helipad to the East Tower
- Three new floors with 225 parking spaces added to the Visitor parking garage
- Two new floors on Top of the East Tower
- The project will NOT increase our number of licensed beds (637)

Another exciting element of this plan is our commitment to provide accessible and high-quality outpatient care. Through Maine Medical Partners, we plan to expand our primary and specialty care services and facilities. This will help many people in our community live healthier lives.
Kevin Sztam, M.D., MPH, has joined Maine Medical Partners – Pediatric Specialty Care, Gastroenterology, as Medical Director of Nutrition. Before coming to Maine, Dr. Sztam spent eight years at Boston Children’s Hospital as faculty in Nutrition, teaching clinical fellows, as well as students at Harvard Medical School and the TH Chan Harvard School of Public Health. During that time he performed several studies in East Africa concerning nutrition interventions for people infected with HIV. Dr. Sztam is fellowship trained in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition from Columbia University Medical Center where he was also a research fellow collaborating with the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. He completed his residency at Columbia University Medical Center and received a master’s degree in International Health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Dr. Sztam’s medical degree is from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. His clinical interests include parenteral nutrition, enteral nutrition, nutrition in HIV, gastrointestinal problems in congenital cardiac disease, and endoscopy. In his free time, Dr. Sztam enjoys playing jazz and world music, outdoor adventuring with his family, and hip Portland eats.

Micah Ownbey, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Center’s Department of Emergency Medicine and will be sharing his time at Southern Maine Health Care. He received his medical degree from Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Ownbey completed his residency here at Maine Medical Center and received a master’s degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Ownbey’s medical degree is from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Ownbey’s clinical interests include teaching, ultrasound and wilderness and remote medicine. In his spare time, Dr. Ownbey likes to ski, mountain bike, and trail run, as well as spend time outdoors with his family.

Annya Tisher M.D., has joined Maine Medical Center – Department of Psychiatry. She received her medical degree from University of Vermont College of Medicine. Dr. Tisher completed her residency here at Maine Medical Center where she was chief resident of Inpatient Neuropsychiatry and continued to Yale University School of Medicine for her fellowship in behavioral neurology. Her clinical interests include dementia and traumatic brain injury. In her spare time, she enjoys paddle boarding and swimming in the ocean with her dog, Monty, sailing, and yoga.

Christopher Turner, M.D., MPH, has joined Maine Medical Partners – Pediatric Surgery. Dr. Turner is board certified in general surgery and fellowship trained in pediatric surgery from Children’s Hospital of Michigan. He has a master’s degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Turner received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his residency at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. His clinical interests include quality improvement and oncology. Outside of work, Dr. Turner enjoys cooking, running, and exploring the beauties of his new home state with his wife, Brette.