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Pro Con Inc celebrates opening of Lowell General Hospital's new medical office building

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Lowell General Hospital recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of 14 Research Place, a new 30,000 s/f medical office building. The new building is located between two existing facilities in use by the hospital at 10 and 20 Research Place, and creates an extension of their Chelmsford campus.

The hospital expansion brings an array of outpatient services to the community and beyond, improves access to medical care and physician practices; and unifies the campus, turning Lowell General Chelmsford into the premiere outpatient facility in the Merrimack Valley.

Pro Con Inc was the architect and construction manager for the 30,000 s/f medical office building and the 347 car parking deck that accommodates medical and physician practice space. The initial conceptual design for the project was provided by Doonan Architects. Pro Con Inc also provided architectural and construction management services for the two medical offices that relocated to the new building. Orthopedic Surgical Associates of Lowell occupy the first and second floors and Merrimack Valley Cardiology occupy the third floor. Each medical office has a dedicated entrance and access to the parking deck. The office spaces include reception and administrative offices, examination rooms, physician offices, conference rooms, imaging and testing rooms. Orthopedic Surgical Assoc. and Merrimack Valley Cardiology are able to utilize the diagnostic and surgical services at Lowell General's campus surgery center.

The building's exterior features a combination of traditional brick veneer with a pre-cast stone base and stone accent bands. The two main entrances will have curved canopies finished with metal panels and double sliding glass doors. The 2-story parking deck, which was built to support the town's heaviest fire truck, is connected to the medical offices via the first and second floors of the building.

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