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Vantage Builders completes primary care center for Brown University Health

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Cranston, RI Vantage Builders, Inc. completed a 7,000 s/f expansion of a primary care center for Brown University Health, at 1500 Pontiac Ave. It marks the first project Vantage has completed for Brown University Health, among its more than 60 healthcare-related projects.

Brown University Health decided to expand its Pontiac Ave. location, bringing in a team of physicians, nurses and staff from another location to occupy an unused part of the building. This strategic consolidation allows the medical group to maximize the use of its facility, while also providing health care access to a greater number of patients in this centrally located area.

“I’ve worked in the construction industry for over a dozen years and I understand the balance between operations and construction projects,” said Alicia Hedenberg, practice manager, Brown University Health Medical Group. “Our patients and providers were minimally affected by the work, and even one of our most tenured physicians made it a point to compliment the team regularly. The team was professional and responsive, and showed genuine care for our patients and team.”

Vantage Builders worked closely with the Brown University Health team and NEMD Architects on the project. The new, welcoming primary care location features 16 patient exam rooms with white noise systems to allow for better, more secure communication between patients and medical staff, a nursing station, collaborative workspace areas, and a consultation room - all designed to support seamless, patient-centered care.

Key to the project was completing the work while the front half of the building remained open to medical staff and patients. The Vantage team ensured there was no disruption - scheduling noisy work like demo and saw cutting during off-hours, creating a temporary entrance to allow medical staff to safely get to and from the lab, and putting up poly plastic to ensure dust and debris stayed in the construction zone. There are new MEP/FP systems throughout, all carefully designed to accommodate the new layout of the building.

“Ensuring that exceptional health care is available right in the community is essential,” said John Connor, principal, Vantage Builders “Medical office buildout projects are always gratifying to complete. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Brown University Health on its latest expansion.”

This expansion marks a significant investment in both infrastructure and community health, reinforcing Brown University Health’s commitment to delivering high-quality care in a modern, efficient setting.