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## Moving Up—and Packing Up!

When it comes to finishing the Northwest Addition, it's a ground-up endeavor:

- The primer and first layer of paint have been applied to the Lower Level. The last coat will be applied just before the opening to ensure everything looks fresh. In total, they will apply 3,500 gallons of paint—enough to fill up a small milk truck!
- Masons are installing the interior stonework in the Lower Level and Lobby

### **HD broadcasts ... live from the OR**

Ever watch a football game in high definition? Then you know how much brighter, sharper and detailed the image can be. Monroe Clinic's new surgical suites will use that same technology to improve local access to regional specialists and educate students and medical staff. These suites put Monroe Clinic on par with many respected teaching hospitals that offer this technology. Surgeons will be able to record surgeries in HD, which is useful for postoperative review and teaching. Surgeons can also securely broadcast a procedure live to the computer of a consulting specialist, saving travel time for physicians and patients.

### **Getting ready for the big move**

Even though the Northwest Addition won't open until early next year, plans are already underway for moving into the new building. The task is much more complicated than packing a few boxes. You know how stressful it is to move your household? Now think of what it would be like to move a hospital. That's why Monroe Clinic staff is using an in-depth, lean manufacturing method called 3P (production, preparation, process) to prepare.

The team tasked with leading the move is working with every department, dissecting all the processes staff will do in the new building. This can easily add up to hundreds of steps a day in each department. While labor intensive, the 3P method will help the team identify what to pack, where it will go, and how many items are needed. Ultimately, all this upfront work will make the move go more smoothly. The boxes for each department will virtually unpack themselves, enabling staff to focus on patient care instead of searching for supplies.

To learn more, visit [monroeclinik.org](http://monroeclinik.org) and click on the expansion button. Make sure to check out the construction webcam for a live view of what's happening.