

# UChicago Medicine Adult Emergency Department



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## Expanding UChicago Medicine's Commitment to Our Community

As part of our commitment to increase access to the care our community needs, UChicago Medicine's new adult Emergency Department (ED) opens its doors on **December 29**. The opening of our new ED marks an important step toward offering adult trauma services, which we expect to do in May 2018, pending regulatory approval.

### FEATURES



#### **Rapid ED offers a new approach to emergency care**

Expedited procedures allow patients to see an attending physician earlier in the process.

An attending physician first assesses a new patient's condition in the Rapid Assessment Unit. Then, the patient will move to the Specialty ED for specialty treatment or to the Rapid ED for quicker treatment and discharge.



#### **Dedicated radiology services**

For the first time, our adult ED includes dedicated radiology services that are staffed 24 hours a day, every day. This means that ED patients no longer have to wait in line with patients from other departments for these services.

Our state-of-the-art, \$2 million CT scanner produces 4 times more images than existing CTs. It creates a faster, quieter, more comfortable experience for patients.



#### **Specialty care that meets the complex needs of our community**

Dedicated specialty spaces have been designed to accommodate any specific needs our patients might have:

- **An examination room for bariatric patients**
- **A dedicated area to support patients with mental health needs**
- **A room to assess and treat victims of sexual assault**
- **Quarantine capacity to address patients affected by highly contagious diseases**

When not needed by patients who require specialty care, these rooms can be used as extra beds for other ED patients, providing flexibility that allows us to meet the needs of any patients who arrive at our ED.



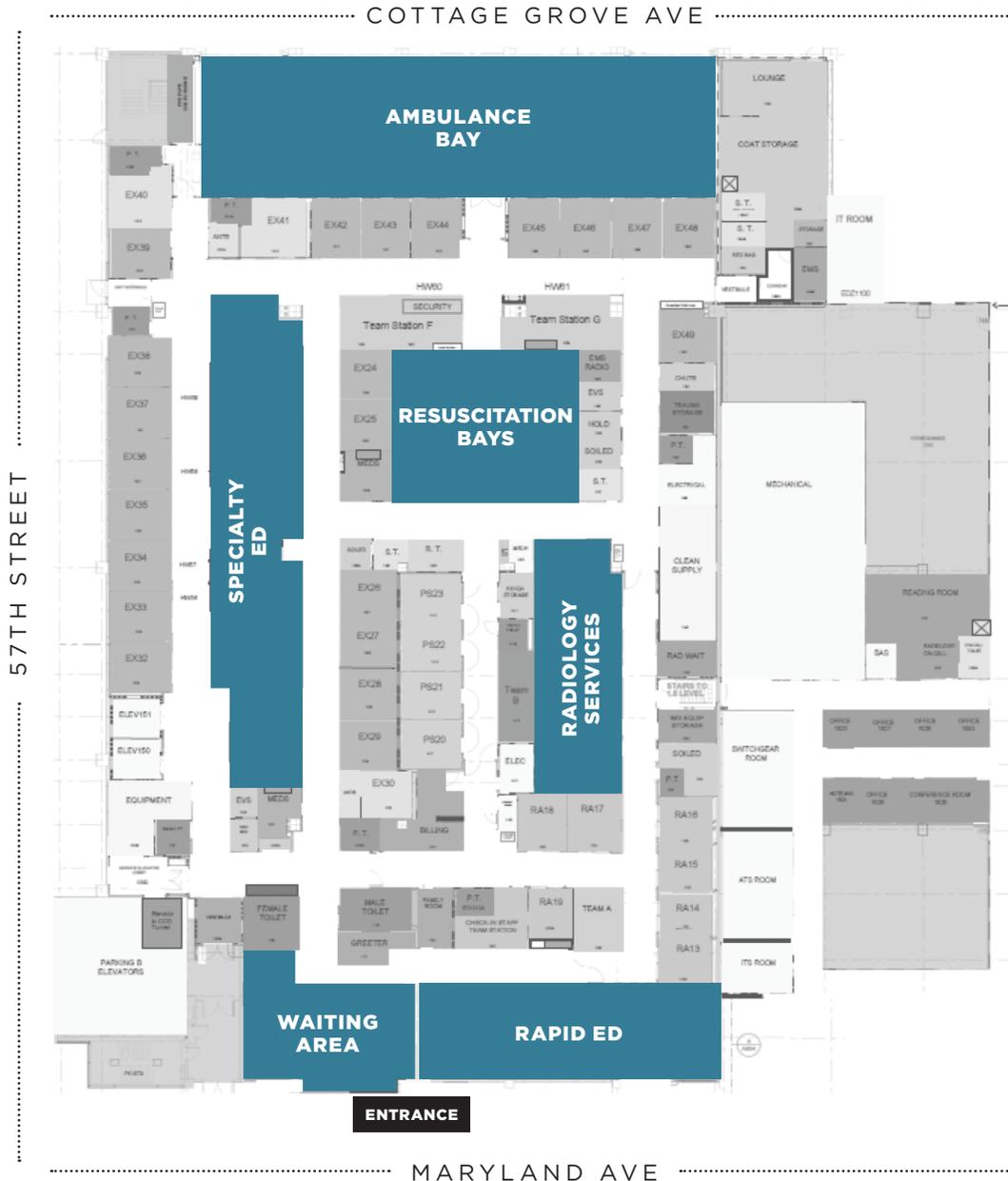
#### **Resuscitation bays help deliver life-saving care**

Resuscitation bays will be used to treat stroke and heart attack patients. Once the hospital is approved to treat adult victims of trauma, these bays will be used for those patients.

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## By the numbers

**26**  
Specialty  
ED rooms

**3**  
Rapid  
Assessment  
bays

**16**  
Rapid ED  
care rooms

**4**  
rooms for  
psychiatric  
patients

**4**  
resuscitation  
bays

**1**  
exam room  
for sexual  
assault  
victims

**2**  
state-of-  
the-art X-ray  
machines

**1**  
CT scanner

**\$39 million**  
investment

Once UChicago Medicine is approved to treat victims of vehicle crashes, major falls, serious head injuries, gunshot wounds and other trauma, the ED will be the entry point for most of these patients. Pending regulatory approval, the entire medical center will become a Level 1 Trauma Center for adults in May 2018.