

# SENTARA OBICI HOSPITAL

## Hospital History

Since 1951, the residents of Suffolk and the surrounding communities have been heir to a legacy of health and hope through the generosity of one man – Amedeo Obici, the founder of Planter’s Peanuts. Obici was one of the nation’s leading industrialists. When his wife Louise died in 1938, he established a lasting memorial that would pay a fitting tribute to the woman he loved and the place they both loved and called home, Suffolk, Virginia.



This memorial, The Obici Charitable Trust, financed the building of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital. Construction on the original hospital on North Main Street began in the summer of 1949 and was dedicated on September 16, 1951. The original hospital operated there until growth and change necessitated the building of a new hospital. Thanks in part to the continuing generosity of the Obici Trust, the new Obici Hospital was dedicated April 20, 2002.

In March of 2006, Obici Hospital received regulatory clearance to merge with Sentara Healthcare. Obici chose to affiliate with Sentara because of the high-quality healthcare they provide. Sentara’s leadership also understood and valued the history of Obici and recognized the importance of community-based care. By gaining the resources and award-winning programs of Sentara Healthcare, Obici was able to ensure high-quality healthcare for its patients in the years ahead. The legacy of hospital founder Amedeo Obici now lives on under a new name: Sentara Obici Hospital.



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## Meeting The Community's Needs Today

Today's Obici continues to evolve. An expansion adding 30 beds has been approved by the Virginia Department of Health, with ground-breaking in 2008 and an anticipated opening in early 2010. Even as services expand, Sentara is proud to support Obici's holistic, patient-centered approach to healthcare and the healing arts.



## Services

Sentara Obici Hospital offers a broad range of programs, services and educational opportunities.

- Departments include: medical, surgical, intensive care, physical rehabilitation, neurological, cardiac, obstetrical, oncology, pediatric, and psychiatric medicine.
- Sophisticated diagnostic services include: cardiac testing including catheterizations, a sleep disorders center, MRI, breast MRI, digital mammography, and more.
- Therapeutic services include: physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational medicine, and wound, hand and lymphedema therapy.
- Specialized surgical offerings: DIEP Flap Breast Reconstruction, which results in the creation of a "natural" breast without muscle removal, and Unicondylar Knee Arthroplasty, which preserves the ACL and PCL for improved quality of movement post operation.
- The Women's Center provides maternity care in a warm and nurturing environment.
- The Cancer Center's comprehensive services include radiation therapy.
- Operating rooms are equipped with the latest technology for laproscopic and arthroscopic surgery.
- Planetree Model of patient-centered care, creates a holistic environment that fosters compassion, education and healing.
- Coming in 2010: Dedicated orthopedic unit with on-floor rehabilitation services.



## Sentara Obici Hospital

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