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Health News: Connector road at hospital could open in January



A new road will soon connect Eagle Village and Mary Washington Hospital.

My colleague Bill Freehling reported this week on the start of work on the connector road between the **Eagle Village** center and the **Mary Washington Hospital** campus in Fredericksburg. The road is expected to be completed in January. Bill's report can be seen [here](#).

Mary Washington Hospital is changing physician groups in its neonatal intensive care unit. Pediatrix, its longtime contractor, will be replaced by the **Children's National Medical Center**. The CNMC doctors will cover the NICU and provide neonatal hospitalist coverage. They start Feb. 1, 2012. CNMC is already at the Fredericksburg hospital as the contractor for pediatric hospitalist services.

Mary Washington Hospice hosted its first "Grapes in the Garden," a wine tasting, at the gardens at Snowden House on Sept. 25. DelFosse Vineyards and Winery, Mattaponi Winery and Lake Anna Winery provided the wine samples. The event sold 154 tickets and raised more than \$12,000 for Mary Washington Hospice.



Flu shots to go at the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center. (Photo courtesy of the hospital.)

More than 200 people got free flu shots at the **Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center's** first drive-thru flu shot clinic on Nov. 5. Participants stayed in their cars while hospital workers gave them shots.

Local hospitals didn't make the top 5 in **Virginia Health Information's** newest ranking of most efficient hospitals. The hospitals with the highest efficiency rankings and their scores were:

- Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville: 1.3
- Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester: 1.3
- Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington: 1.4
- Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News: 1.5
- Prince William Hospital in Manassas: 1.6

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VHI is a nonprofit organization that collects data about health providers throughout the state. Its 2011 Industry Report, published this week, ranks hospitals in five categories: charges, costs, productivity and utilization, financial viability and community support.

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The scores for the three local hospitals were:

Mary Washington Hospital: 2.2

Stafford Hospital: 3.3

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center: 3.9

A Virginia Business story about the rankings can be seen [here](#). VHI's web page with information about the Industry Report is [here](#). The listing that includes Fredericksburg-area hospitals can be seen [here](#).

Finally, a team of surgeons at the **VCU Medical Center** in Richmond this week separated conjoined twins. It was the first time the hospital has performed the difficult surgery. The 19-month-old twins are from the Dominican Republic. They were joined at the lower chest and abdomen.

A Richmond Times Dispatch story about the operation is [here](#). VCU's press release is [here](#).

By Jim Hall on November 10th, 2011 11:47 pm

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