



Welcome to Long Beach Medical Center. I am pleased to introduce you to the services and qualities that make Long Beach Medical Center unique.

As the primary health care provider for Long Beach Island, Long Beach Medical Center is a comprehensive health care organization which includes a 162-bed acute care hospital, a 200-bed skilled nursing facility specializing in rehabilitation medicine, a certified home health care agency and numerous outpatient programs. The Medical Center is a designated stroke center. Together, these services allow us to offer what we call our *continuum of care* – our ability to meet all your health care needs seamlessly, whether you need hospitalization, outpatient services, rehabilitative care or services from home.

Since 1924 Long Beach Medical Center has cared for the residents of our surrounding communities with *care, compassion and competence*, our core values. And in recent years, we have initiated a vision to become *the first name that comes to mind when people need health care* by expanding and improving our services.

This vision has sparked a number of new initiatives that have created many positive changes. New Highly skilled physicians are joining our staff, new technology is being introduced, new programs are starting and our new culture continues to blossom and bear fruit. Patient satisfaction scores have never been higher with over 96% of respondents reporting that they would recommend Long Beach Medical Center to a friend or relative.

Just recently we had a ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce our newest acquisition, two new Hyperbaric Chambers for our Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center. This therapeutic service has achieved remarkable results for patients suffering from wounds which have not responded to traditional therapies. It saves limbs, and it saves lives. We recently completed the first phase of the installation of a comprehensive hospital and nursing home information system that will transmit clinical information more expeditiously, improve efficiency and raise quality.

Our Diagnostic Imaging Department recently completed a two-year, \$4 million technology renovation, including the installation of a new MRI and multislice CT Scanner, 3-dimensional echocardiography for sophisticated heart studies, an advanced fluoroscopic imaging system and a new nuclear camera system that provides exquisite images for stress testing, bone scans and other nuclear exams.

Plans are also being finalized for our soon to open Dialysis Center and a ventilator support unit for the Komanoff Center.

The Medical Center maintains a strong commitment to training the health care professionals of the future. It sponsors family practice and physical medicine and rehabilitation residency programs as well as numerous programs in nursing, social work and other health fields.

These advances and this commitment to the community could not have occurred without the enthusiasm and dedication of our professional staff and employees. Every day I read wonderful anecdotes from our patient satisfaction surveys and from letters about the extraordinary care that they've received. Their comments validate that our core values are not just words on a page but are being lived in all corners of the Medical Center. They represent a culture of caring that has become a hallmark of Long Beach Medical Center. Our promise of *Caring for Life* ensures that we are here for you and your family for all your health care needs.

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