



## The O'Connor Radiology Team

2024

### O'Connor Hospital Computerized Tomography Scanner Upgrade Project

Case for Support

### Executive Summary

O'Connor Hospital, an affiliate of Bassett Healthcare Network, has provided vital healthcare services to residents of Delaware County and beyond since 1921. It was one of the first hospitals in New York State to receive federal designation as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in 2000. Critical Access Hospitals are healthcare facilities the federal government recognizes as essential services to rural communities, especially for their ability to provide acute emergency care. In 2024, O'Connor Hospital was named one of the Best Hospitals for Emergency Timeliness in the country by the Women's Choice Award®, recognizing that O'Connor Hospital has some of the shortest Emergency Department (ED) wait times and highest patient recommendations in the country and is among the top 13% of more than 4,600 U.S. hospitals.

A key piece of diagnostic equipment for emergency and routine care is a computerized tomography scan, also known as a CT or CAT scan. A CT scanner is a machine that uses X-rays and special computer technology to create cross-sectional images, also called slices, of the bones, blood vessels and soft tissue inside the body, in more detail than traditional X-rays can.<sup>1</sup> CTs can be used to diagnose disease or injury as well as to plan medical, surgical, or radiation treatments.<sup>2</sup>



The Friends of Bassett at O'Connor Hospital is currently fundraising to offset capital expenses related to the purchase and installation of a new CT scanner at O'Connor Hospital. The current one is nearing the end of its useful life.

### Impact

Susan Oakes Ferrucci, President of O'Connor Hospital, enthusiastically endorses this project, stating, that "Having a modern, state of the art, CT scanner is vital to providing quality patient care and to O'Connor fulfilling its role in our community as a critical access hospital. Our staff is working diligently on this project, and with the support of our donors and communities, we look forward to using the new CT scanner for patient care by winter of 2025."

Dr. James Peters, Chief of Radiology, shares that "O'Connor Hospital has a reputation for outstanding patient care, offering its rural neighbors access to high quality diagnostic testing, of which a key component is CT imaging. Adding a new, cutting edge, CT scanner will mean practitioners at O'Connor, and around and even beyond Bassett Healthcare Network, will be able to use rapid, high-quality imaging, ensuring the best possible patient outcomes."

"When serving the rural population of Delaware County, which is distant from Bassett Medical Center, timely access to CT imaging is crucial for the effective functioning of the O'Connor Hospital Emergency Department," says Dr. Matthew Kleinmaier, Chief of Emergency Services at Bassett Healthcare Network. "Modern healthcare pushes diagnostic testing ever forward into the front-end of clinical encounters, making the Emergency Department the diagnostic center for time-sensitive care relating to traumatic, cerebral, cardiac and abdominal surgical pathologies, amongst other needs and diagnoses."

## The Need

Like all technology and hardware, CT scanners have a lifespan.

Unlike more basic technology, upgrading CT scanners is not typically a one-for-one change out. Different models have different requirements for space, electrical sources, lead shielding, temperature and humidity.<sup>3</sup> In this instance, changes need to be made to the current CT suite, the equipment needs to be purchased, and a mobile CT Scanner rented to ensure there is no disruption to patient care.

To support this vital need, the Friends of Bassett is seeking to raise **\$750,000** before winter **2024** to ensure the timely completion of this project and the continuation of critical services to our patients in Delaware County and surrounding areas.

**To aid in securing these funds, we are fortunate to have a dollar for dollar challenge match, up to \$500,000. That means every dollar donated will be doubled! To support O'Connor Hospital's capital needs through a gift, visit us at [Give.Bassett.org](http://Give.Bassett.org), call 607-547-6328 or with the enclosed gift form.**



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### Values

Courage, Unity, Excellence



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<sup>1</sup> Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. (2024, May 7). CT Scan. Mayo Clinic. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/ct-scan/about/pac-20393675>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Scharer, K. (2024, April 12). What size room do I need for MY CT scanner?. Block Imaging. <https://www.blockimaging.com/blog/what-size-room-do-i-need-for-my-ct-scanner>