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Dr. Donald Berkow (left) and registered nurse Donna Enck are shown at the new emergency department of Lancaster General Hospital, which will hold an open house Sunday.

## New emergency medicine department opens at LGH

Lancaster General Hospital's new emergency medicine department will be unveiled Sunday, with a public open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to check out the expanded and renovated facility, which has four priority areas:

- A "FastCare" facility for rapid treatment of minor emergencies that are not life threatening.
- A trauma center for critically injured patients, including children.
- A chest pain emergency center for patients complaining of symptoms related to heart attacks.
- The traditional emergency department for patients with more serious illness or injury.

All patients arriving in emergency will be evaluated immediately through a triage system, which enables doctors and nurses to send patients to the appropriate emergency area.

"This new facility coordinates state-of-the-art emergency care with the highest level of patient convenience anywhere in the nation," says hospital president Michael A. Young. "The entire facility is coordinated so that the appropriate level of

care, in the most cost-effective and convenient manner, is provided to each and every patient."

A new walk-in entrance provides access from Duke Street or the hospital lobby and a separate entrance for ambulance use.

FastCare was developed to minimize the time spent in the emergency department and complement, not replace, the ongoing care provided by the patient's family or doctor, particularly when doctors' offices are generally closed.

The trauma center is used for such life-threatening things as traffic accidents, falls, gunshot wounds, and stabbings.

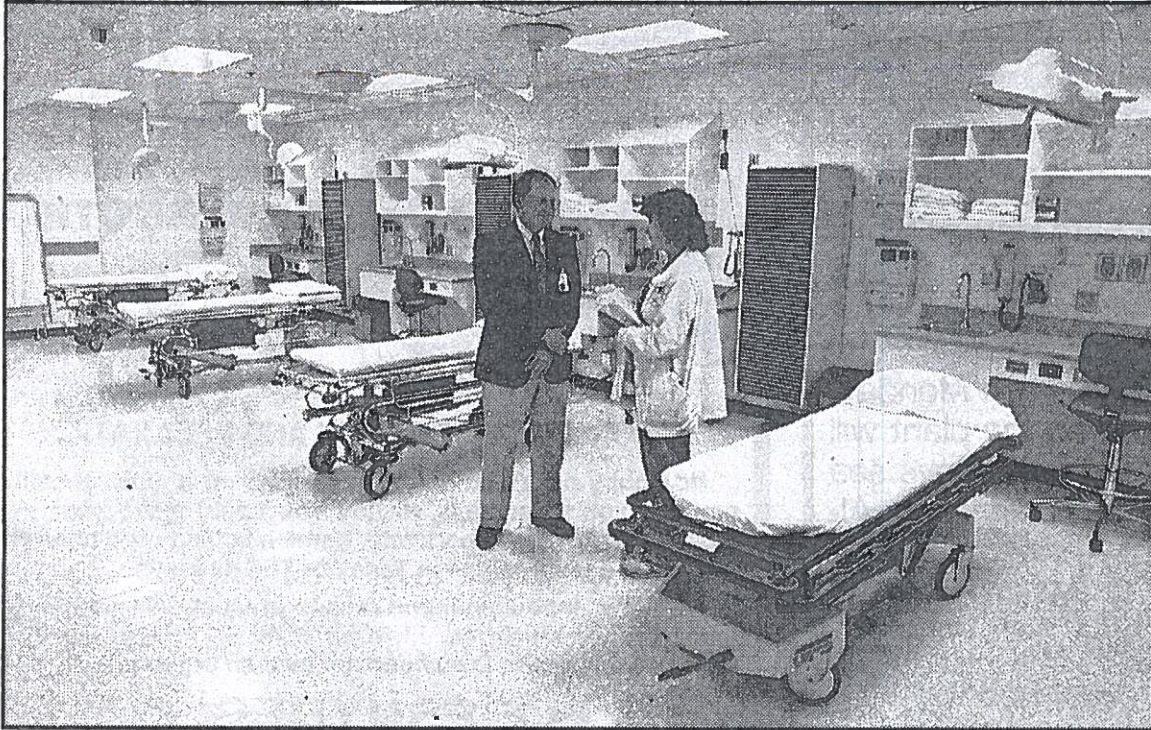
The Chest Pain Emergency Center is designed to evaluate a patient's symptoms to determine if the problem is heart-related.

The fourth area is the traditional emergency facility, for patients with more serious injuries or illnesses separate from trauma and heart attacks.

The hospital will attempt to show the public all areas of the new facility during the open house, but areas will have to be closed if patient care is being provided.

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**WHAT'S UP, DOC?:** Lancaster General Hospital unveils its new Emergency Medicine Department. Pictured here are Dr. Don Berkow, chairman of the department, and Marie Hollis of the emergency center. The expanded and renovated

facility includes a "FastCare" center for rapid treatment of minor emergencies, a trauma center for critically injured patients, a chest pain emergency unit, and the traditional emergency department for more seriously injured patients.