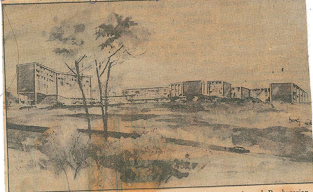


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Artist's sketch of the main building of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, to

be built by Women's and Presbyterian Hospital at Sheppard and Pratt, Towson.

New 'Upside Down' Hospital

DETAILS of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center to rise on a promontory on the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital grounds in Towson were presented last week by architects using a model, toy balloons and drawings.

The architectural plans were shown at the Church of the Redeemer, Charles street and Melrose avenue, Wednesday, and then at the site.

400-Bed Structure

A joint project of the Women's Hospital, presently at Lafayette avenue and John street, and the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital, at 1917 East Baltimore street, it will

cost \$10,000,000. It is scheduled to be in operation in 1954.

The first stage of the building program includes a basic 400-bed hospital with outpatient and emergency departments. Entrance will be from Charles street extended, via Malvern avenue.

Trucks To Top

It is projected as the first hospital in this area, and one of the few in the nation designed from its inception around the principle of progressive patient care. Mrs. John T. Tucker, Women's Hospital president, and Carlton A. Guenther, president of Presbyterianism, explained.

Architects are Rogers, Talia-

ferro & Lamb, of Baltimore and Annapolis, and Wilson & Christie, of Towson.

The contours of the site have been utilized fully in planning of the buildings to comprise the sprawling center. Each floor will have its own entrances. In making deliveries, trucks will pull right up to the top floor, which will be designed as a general housekeeping area, customarily accommodated in the ground floor or basement.

Thus, the new hospital is an upside-down project, with the cellar in the attic.

Future plans call for 600 more beds, with a special section for the care of aging patients.