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Chartwell Opens New, Advanced Erie Pharmacy

Relocation expands pharmacy operations and embraces latest technological innovations.

Pittsburgh, PA, December 31, 2020—[Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP](http://www.chartwellpa.com), one of the largest and most clinically advanced health-system based providers of home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition in the nation, is proud to announce the opening of a new, 14,000 square-foot Erie pharmacy at [380 E. Bayfront Parkway, Ste. 2](#). Effective Monday, December 14, Chartwell's Erie branch relocated from its previous 8,500 square-foot facility in downtown Erie to the new pharmacy on Bayfront Parkway, one of Erie's main thoroughfares, bordering Presque Isle Bay and the historic urban shoreline.

The move relocates Chartwell's Erie pharmacy to a UPMC-owned building just blocks from the UPMC Hamot hospital complex. The new pharmacy nearly doubles the Chartwell footprint in Erie. In addition to office space for Erie's 30 employees, the pharmacy includes more than 6,000 square feet of dedicated pharmacy operations, warehouse, and inventory storage space.

David Benedict, PharmD, BCPS, COO of CarepathRx Specialty Pharmacy and Infusion Solutions, the management services organization that manages Chartwell on behalf of UPMC, explained that the move to the bayfront site was years in the making.

“The process to review a new Erie pharmacy site began as early as 2017 when we identified the need for desired expansion,” Benedict said. “The new bayfront office, owned by UPMC Hamot, presents the opportunity for further growth and expansion of our Erie branch, while embracing the latest in specialty pharmacy and infusion technology to meet and exceed United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapters <797> and <800> compliance standards.”

Chartwell Erie’s Romeo Zacharatos, Director of Pharmacy, joined Chartwell this year after more than 17 years at UPMC Hamot. Prior to his role with Chartwell he led a unique on-call pharmacist initiative between Chartwell and UPMC Hamot. “Chartwell’s innovative, patient-first model of care relies heavily on our distinctive level of collaboration with colleagues across the UPMC Health System,” said Zacharatos.

In 2019, Chartwell relocated its Pittsburgh headquarters to a state-of-the-art facility in Oakdale, PA that showcases the next generation of pharmacy cleanroom technology, gravimetric compounding, and automated medication and inventory management.

The opening of Chartwell’s new bayfront facility comes on the heels of the announcement of a groundbreaking new partnership with [CarepathRx](#), a leader in pharmacy and medication management solutions for vulnerable and chronically ill patients. Under the agreement, CarepathRx acquired the management services organization responsible for the operational and strategic management of Chartwell, and UPMC became a strategic investor in CarepathRx. The transaction officially closed on Monday, December 7.

This landmark partnership greatly expands CarepathRx’s specialty and home infusion capabilities. CarepathRx will rely on Chartwell’s proven, innovative model of care to deliver a coordinated and consumer-friendly health care experience for health systems and patients.

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About Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP

Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP, is a limited partnership between UPMC, Butler Health System, Heritage Valley Health System, and Washington Health System with three branch locations in Altoona, Erie, and Pittsburgh. For more than 30 years, Chartwell has provided the latest in advanced therapies and medications to patients for the treatment of chronic, rare, and/or complex conditions. The pharmacy provides services, therapies, and medications for home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Florida, and South Carolina.

About CarepathRx

CarepathRx is transforming pharmacy care delivery for health systems and hospitals, delivering improved patient outcomes that drive clinical, quality, and financial results. Through the industry's most comprehensive, end-to-end hospital pharmacy care delivery model, CarepathRx is turning hospital pharmacy into an active care management strategy and revenue generator while providing support across the patient's complete healthcare journey. The company takes an enterprise approach, providing a powerful combination of technology, market-leading clinical pharmacy services, and wrap-around services that optimize pharmacy performance across the enterprise for fully integrated pharmacy operations, expanded healthcare services, improved ambulatory access, minimized clinical variation and new health system revenue streams. Today, CarepathRx serves more than 15 health systems and 600 hospitals, with more than 1,500 employees nationwide. For more information about CarepathRx, visit www.carepathrxllc.com.