

## January 4, 2008: Congressman Rob Wittman Tours Local Medical Facilities

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- Congressman Rob Wittman toured Riverside Health System and the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD), in Newport News, and met with health professionals to discuss a number of crucial health care issues.

"Yesterday I had the pleasure of visiting Riverside Health System and the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) and meeting with some of the area's finest medical professionals. These facilities and their superb staffs are playing a vital role in the development of new, cutting edge medical technologies and are excellent service providers to locals in need of treatment. In the case of CHKD, they are the facility of choice for pediatric care in Southeastern Virginia," said Wittman.

"At Riverside Health System, I had the chance to see some of their exciting state-of-the-art medical technology, including the Gamma Knife, a very rare top-notch piece of equipment that allows for non-invasive brain surgery. There are only a handful of these in the entire country. I also saw the Cancer Center, Emergency Room, and School of Health Careers. My visit re-enforced my support for more investment in Health Information Technology," Wittman commented.

"Riverside was excited to share with Congressman Wittman some of the cutting edge technology, key services and educational opportunities that are only offered at Riverside and highlight the outstanding staff that care for our patients and community. We appreciate his time and interest in learning more about Healthcare in the First District," said Bill Downey, Riverside Executive Vice President.

"My tour of CHKD gave me the opportunity to witness first-hand a multi-jurisdictional Child Abuse Task Force meeting that brought together law-enforcement, attorneys, medical professionals, and others to collectively work on child abuse cases and issues. My tour included a visit to the Children's Surgery Center at Oyster Point. I enjoyed our discussions about pediatric health care issues and was very impressed with CHKD's comprehensive facility and broad range of medical professionals," said Wittman.

"We had a terrific visit yesterday with Congressman Wittman at our Health and Surgery Center in Newport News," said Jim Dahling, President and CEO of Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, based in Norfolk. "The Congressman spent two hours getting to know CHKD as well as the issues we face in providing the best care available to the children of his district and

throughout southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. We were honored to have CHKD in Newport News as one of the Congressman's first visits since his election to Congress."

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