**A&P Podcast Season 4, Episode 5: The Wexner Medical Center Inpatient Hospital with Ragan Fallang**

Hello, and welcome to the City of Ohio State podcast. I’m Brooke McKivergan. Last month, we heard from UniPrint and learned about all of the services they offer across campus. This month, we hear from someone we’ve never had on the podcast before!

Ragan Fallang is the Facilities Design and Construction executive project manager for the Wexner Medical Center Inpatient Hospital. Ragan, thanks for being with us.

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1. For listeners who may not be familiar, the inpatient hospital the largest single facilities project in Ohio State’s history. It’s 1.9 million-square-feet and years in the making. With construction being on track for a 2026 opening, what has it been like to manage a project of this size and scope from start to almost finish?

*ANSWER*

1. There are hundreds of trades people coming through the turnstiles every day, from builders to designers to university leaders and clinicians. How do you coordinate across so many teams to keep construction on track?

*ANSWER*

1. I’ve had the privilege of getting to tour the site for the last couple years and have seen some innovative and fascinating features being integrated into the new tower. From robots that can help deliver sterile equipment, to surgical booms that will allow healthcare workers to physically turn a patient’s bed and all of their equipment easily to allow them to look out the massive windows in the rooms. I’m sure it’s not easy to single out one or two, but could you talk about some of your favorite features?

*ANSWER*

1. Once open, how do you envision this hospital transforming patient care not only here in Columbus, but the entire state of Ohio?

*ANSWER*

1. Has anything surprised you during the process? Either a major challenge or an unexpected breakthrough?

*ANSWER*

1. People may see the exterior of the tower, or one of the photos from the inside of the building of a space that’s already being furnished and wonder why the hospital isn’t opening sooner. Could you explain how the team tackles work on each floor separately?

*ANSWER*

Ragan, thank you so much for giving us some insight into this expansive project. I know this space will change lives and I can’t wait to continue to watch the progress your team is making.

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Until next time, be kind and go Bucks!