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FACT SHEET

“Live From...Cardiac Classroom”

- Since the program’s inception in 1998, more than 5,000 students have watched live heart surgery
- Students interact with surgeons, nurses, and the entire medical team while the operation is in progress
- Broadcast via video and audio feed from Morristown Memorial Hospital to the new Jennifer A. Chalsty Center for Science, Learning and Teaching at Liberty Science Center
- Awards include the Worldfest Film Festival Award, American Association of Museums’ Muse Award, and the U.S. International Film and Video Festival certificate for creative excellence

Cardiac Services, Gagnon Heart Hospital, Atlantic Health

- Morristown Memorial Hospital has the largest cardiac surgery program in New Jersey and second largest in the New York Metropolitan area
- More than 1,200 cardiac surgeries annually
- More than 2,500 stent procedures annually
- 99.14 percent survival rate for open heart surgery in 2005
- Specialty cardiac services include open-heart surgery, angioplasty, valve replacement and repair, minimally invasive heart valve surgery, heart rhythm management, non-invasive diagnostic testing
- Latest diagnostic technology includes 64-image CT, which captures high-resolution images of a beating heart in five heartbeats
- Cardiac support, transport and training center for surrounding hospitals
- 250,000-square-foot, \$200 million Gagnon Heart Hospital under construction to consolidate all cardiac services in a modern facility

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