

# NYU Langone's \$32.9M Lower East Side outpatient center is closer to reality

The center will be housed at the Essex Crossing mixed-use development



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Rendering of Essex Crossing

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NYU Langone Medical Center is one step closer to bringing more health care services to the Lower East Side.

The health system is now seeking approval from the state Department of Health to build a \$32.9 million ambulatory surgery center at 175 Delancey St, the Essex Crossing mixed-use development.

The 55,000-square-foot center, first announced in January 2016, will include a multispecialty ambulatory surgery center and physical therapy services, pending approval from the state Department of Health.

The project should come as a welcome development for neighborhood residents, who have voiced concerns about the downsizing of nearby [Mount Sinai Beth Israel](#) and the [controversial deal](#) that would turn former HIV/AIDS nursing home Rivington House into condos.

The new center will provide additional surgical capacity for NYU Langone, which said in its application that it has been constrained by limited space at its East 38th Street Center for

Musculoskeletal Care and ambulatory surgery facility. The center will provide an outpatient alternative to NYU's Hospital for Joint Diseases on East 17th Street.

Residents within the boundaries of Manhattan community district 3, which includes the Lower East Side and Chinatown, had about 9,600 physical therapy visits at NYU Langone locations during the last fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31, and many of those visits could be handled closer to patients' homes in the future, NYU Langone said.

Specialties at the center will include gynecologic, ENT and orthopedic surgery, according to NYU Langone's certificate-of-need application. The center is scheduled to open late next year.