

June 4, 2008 - Uniontown Hospital Awarded \$284,030 Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha (PA-12) announced today that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has awarded UniontownHospital a \$284,030 grant to continue creation of the hospital's Chest Pain Center.

The Chest Pain Center

is designed to expedite cardiac stress testing, which requires a nuclear medicine (imaging) camera. Immediate access to this testing will allow doctors and nurses to determine definitively if patients are experiencing a heart attack, which in turn will allow treatment to begin sooner, thereby minimizing damage to the heart muscle.

The Center will include the expansion and relocation of the Cardiac Diagnostics Department to an area immediately adjacent to the Emergency Department on the hospital's first floor, as well as the purchase of a new nuclear medicine (imaging) camera and related equipment.

"Over 650,000 Americans die every year from heart disease," commented Murtha. "The Uniontown Hospital Chest Pain Center will save lives by providing faster diagnosis and treatment to patients in our area."

Murtha was instrumental in securing \$750,000 for the project in Fiscal Year 2005. Funding for this particular grant was secured by Murtha in the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

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