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Overview

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Platte Valley Medical Center – Facts and Features

The new regional \$138 million Platte Valley Medical Center, opening July 10, will replace its former Brighton location with technology and patient care innovations new to Colorado, a whole-house fully-integrated wireless system and exciting and patient-friendly exterior and interior design.

“With outstanding support from the community of Brighton, we now have a medical center that places us in the forefront of health care services and addresses the needs of our region,” said John Hicks, hospital president and chief executive officer.

New Technology Features

- Most comprehensive, fully integrated wireless hospital system in Colorado. The system features wireless patient monitoring from anywhere in the hospital, immediate wireless access to patient information, an advanced nurse-call system, facilitation of pager and cell phone communications among health care professionals, and WiFi internet access for patients and visitors.
- First U.S. installation of the newest MRI imaging process by Toshiba, providing the latest magnetic resonance imaging capability in the nation today. Platte Valley Medical Center will be a showcase for Toshiba with health care professions from throughout the nation visiting Brighton to view the new technology in operation. The hospital also will have a 64-slice CT scanner.

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New Special Care Nursery

- Colorado's only Special Care Nursery in Colorado with private rooms for at-risk and premature babies, complete with in-room accommodations for parents. The Level II Special Care Nursery will be staffed around-the-clock by neonatal nurse practitioners through an arrangement with The Children's Hospital.

Architecture and Design

- Fifty-acre medical center campus with an adjacent 35-acre medical park. Three, three-story buildings covering nearly 300,000 square feet with a 78-bed patient tower, a diagnostic and treatment building and a medical office building for physician offices and specialty services.
- Future building potential of six stories and 300 beds. The long-term master plan for the medical campus, designed to support future growth over the next several decades, includes a second patient bed tower, expanded hospital services building and at least two additional medical office buildings
- Architectural and design team involved four firms collaborating with hospital staff:

Fentress Bradburn Architects Ltd. of Denver designed the hospital exterior. The centerpiece of the design is the hospital entry – a three-story atrium focused on the mountains. In the main drive, an elegant steel and glass canopy is largely supported by a 90-foot stone and stainless steel lighted spire that serves as a nighttime beacon to surrounding areas.

WHR Architects, Inc. of Houston designed the interior spaces with wall-to-wall windows in patient rooms for mountain views, private rooms averaging 190 square feet, and fireplaces in the main and second-floor lobbies.

Artist Showcase of Denver designed a Constructive Healing Arts program, organized by the medical center's Foundation and volunteers. Under the program, hospital donors elected to sponsor more than 400 pieces of art including original art primarily by Colorado artists, limited editions and reproductions to be displayed in the main lobby and throughout the entire hospital.

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StudioINSITE of Denver created the overall landscape planning and design including a 1.1-acre healing garden on the east side featuring a series of gardens, a Colorado Native Navajo Ruby Moss Rock water feature and an eagle sculpture entitled “Soaring” by Colorado Artist Dale Montagne.

Other Facts

- The new Emergency Department will accommodate 32,000 visits annually, a 60 percent increase from operating volumes at the current PVMC facility in 2006.
- A Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory will open at the new hospital this fall, expanding cardiovascular service
- PVMC is a nonprofit, non-corporate, community-owned hospital with decisions made at the community level.
- Working with the regional community, PVMC raised more than \$8.1 million to help fund its new medical center.
- The new PVMC campus is located at 1600 Prairie Center Parkway between 144th Avenue and Bromley Lane, and just east of Interstate 76.

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About Platte Valley Medical Center

On July 10, PVMC opens its new \$138 million regional medical center on a 50-acre campus. It is one of the only community-owned hospitals in the metro area, governed by a community board where decisions are made at a local level. PVMC is the only hospital within a 16-mile radius serving the northeast quadrant of metro Denver, projected to be the fastest-growing region in the metro area. Its immediate service area includes the communities of Brighton, Lochbuie, Ft. Lupton, Commerce City, Thornton, Henderson, Hudson and Keenesberg. Honored as a national award winner for exceeding patient expectations by Avatar International, Inc., PVMC offers excellent nurse-to-patient ratios to enhance one-on-one care, while utilizing an advanced level of technology. The original Brighton Community Hospital was founded 47 years ago by Brighton residents. The new regional medical center is located just west of I-76 between 144th Avenue and Bromley Lane at 1600 Prairie Center Parkway in Brighton, Colorado.