

# Benefits of our replacement Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital

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When the replacement **Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital** and remodeled campus are done in late spring of 2020, there are many ways this new facility will be better for patients, staff and our community.

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## **Built with the patient at the center**

Hospital staff worked closely with architects and builders from the beginning to ensure that the completed design of the 52,000-square-foot building will promote optimal care for patients. Flexible use of space will provide more convenient services for patients. Related departments will be located near each other, which means greatly improved work efficiencies for staff. The latest medical and technology equipment will be available, and the facility is being built to the highest safety and seismic standards. Altogether, this will allow for quick and competent care with patient comfort and safety at the forefront.

***Did you know?*** *The new SNLH is designed with onstage and offstage areas—that is, with areas that are seen and used by the public and areas that are seen and used by staff. This will provide greater patient privacy, ease of wayfinding for patients and visitors and more efficient work movement for staff.*



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## **The number of patient beds will meet our actual needs**

Our new hospital will have 16 private and spacious patient rooms: 10 inpatient rooms for medical, surgical and critical care; two inpatient maternity (labor and delivery) rooms; and four patient observation (overnight) rooms in the inpatient wing.

Each patient room is designed to provide the highest level of care, which means they can be flexed for different needs. The inpatient corridor can be closed off and secured at different locations so that critical care and maternity patients/newborns are kept safe. We also designed inpatient rooms to be spacious enough for a family member to stay overnight in a convertible bed. And, most patient rooms will face east, with wooded views of Devils Lake.

Considering our patient numbers, knowing that most of our care is provided in an outpatient setting, and understanding that hospital inpatient stays are increasingly becoming shorter, we are confident that our facility has the right number of beds to serve our community for years into the future.

## Benefits of our replacement hospital continued

*Did you know?* As a nonprofit hospital, we treat everyone needing care, regardless of ability to pay. Our average daily census is nine patients, and outpatient services make up 81 percent of our total hospital revenue.

### Efficient emergency and outpatient services

The new Emergency Department (ED) will have five exam rooms and two trauma exam rooms, up from our current total of six exam rooms. Two of these new exam rooms can be used as safe rooms, specially designed for comfort, decreased stimulation and safety for mental health patients. When our ED is at its busiest—during the afternoon and evening hours—we will have the ability to expand into spaces that aren't being used at those times, which effectively doubles the size of our ED. Additionally, the ED is only steps away from the helipad, so trauma patients can be transported quickly and privately.

Departments that are vitally important to providing emergency care—surgery, radiology, laboratory and pharmacy—are located close by the ED. These same departments also serve outpatients (people not being admitted to the hospital). With our new patient-centered design and processes, outpatient services will come to the patient in an outpatient flex room, rather than having the patient move throughout the hospital to receive various services.

### Campus and HPEC building remodel

After we move into the completed facility in February 2020, the existing hospital building will be demolished to make room for an environmentally-conscious parking area and other campus improvements. Meanwhile, the Health Professions Education Center (HPEC) is being remodeled for administrative offices and as the new home for Samaritan Physical Rehabilitation—Lincoln City, offering physical, occupational and speech therapy.

*Did you know?* Ease of wayfinding was a primary concern when designing the new hospital. In fact, signage is included as an architectural feature and not an afterthought.

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