

New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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Heading toward the opening of our new hospital

Fourteen weeks and six days. Three months and 12 days. One hundred and four days. No matter how you say it, it means that years of planning and months of demanding work, both mental and physical, are heading toward a successful conclusion: the opening of our new hospital on Feb. 4, 2020.

Usually, this written update provides a general construction progress overview without giving too much overwhelming detail. For this update, we will give you a more complete peek into those details so you can truly appreciate the complicated work being done by Skanska USA Building, subcontractors, Samaritan staff and others.



*Plant Engineering Director **Chris Lemar**, left, listens while reporter **Tom Banse** interviews CEO **Dr. Lesley Ogden**, right, for a story about how our new hospital is designed to continue functioning after an earthquake or other natural disaster. View the story online at NWNewsNetwork.org and scroll down to "Prepping for the Big One."*

In Areas B and C (all inpatient rooms along the east side), moisture remediation and restroom ceramic tile will be finished. In Areas B, C and D, cabinetry and countertops will be installed (Area D is the largest section that includes Surgical Services). Work continues on the high ceiling in the main lobby clerestory (the wall filled with windows) and in the surgery suites. The decontamination room is ready to be cleaned and the last few areas of ceiling grid will be installed in Area D.

Pulling it all together. Along with the actual construction, there are many other details to handle, such as: securing financial donations, finalizing the donor recognition wall, designing the history display, ordering interior, exterior and compliance signage, updating campus maps, overseeing medical equipment and furniture deliveries, planning for staff training, organizing the move... It is both exhausting and exhilarating to imagine these next several weeks!

Skanska project schedule. Work continues at a steady pace inside and outside the new building.

This week, preparation is underway to pave the area around the helipad and the north side of the building, as well as at the loading dock on the south. Final details are being done on the coping (exterior wall cover) and downspouts. The mechanical penthouse will be commissioned (performance tested and verified) and insulated. The beautiful exterior wood by the west entry will wrap up, and there will be patch paving on 28th Street and West Devils Lake Road.

Inside the building, Area A (northwest section that includes the Emergency Department), flooring and paint will be completed, and doors, hardware and plumbing accessories will be installed.