

## New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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### So, what's the big deal about our new hospital?

Planning for a replacement Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital began several years ago. The actual dirt-digging phase of construction started nine months ago (July 2018). In just another 10 months (February 2020), patients will begin receiving care inside the new building. At this point, it seems like a great time for the New Hospital Update to take the focus off construction progress and refocus on the results: an amazing, modern, beautiful and unique new hospital that is literally rising just steps away in the shadows of our well-used original hospital. Here's a list of some of the many benefits of our new hospital:

- It may not be as big as our current building in square footage, but it's still massive. Also, remember that our many administrative offices and Physical Rehabilitation will relocate to the remodeled HPEC.
- It will be super-efficient. No more long hallways and unused spaces. Every space in the new building has a purpose and much of it can be flexed for multiple uses depending on the time of day and day of week.
- The 16 private and spacious patient rooms will meet our actual needs, based on historical patient census data and future projections. If planners are not correct on this point, the new hospital design can accommodate future expansions, if needed.
- 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, designed for comfort, decreased stimulation and safety for mental health patients.
- When our ED is at its busiest (during afternoon and evening hours), it can expand into spaces that aren't being used at those times. This effectively doubles the size of the ED.
- The ED is only steps away from the helipad, so trauma patients can be transported quickly and privately.
- The patient-centered design means outpatient services will come to the patient, rather than having the patient move throughout the hospital to receive services.



*A journalist from the Daily Journal of Commerce in Portland, Josh Kulla pauses while shooting photos atop the new hospital building (and, yes, he's the son of Becky Kulla, RN, who works in our Surgery Department).*

- The new hospital will have the latest medical and technology equipment; is an all steel and concrete structure; and is designed for our coastal climate and to withstand earthquakes.
- The new SNLH will provide greater patient privacy, more efficient work movement for staff, and ease of wayfinding for patients and visitors.
- Campus improvements will be done by mid-summer 2020, with new landscaping and a single, large parking lot in the center of campus.
- Finally, but not least: the nonprofit Samaritan Health Services is funding this \$42 million project without a tax increase to residents of the North Lincoln Health District. What an amazing investment in our community!