

# Celebrating Your New Hospital

## **Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital project completed in October 2020**

An all-new three-story building melds perfectly inside and out with an extensively remodeled two-story building to create your new **Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport**. Here are some of the many ways this new facility is better than ever for patients and their families:

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

Hospital staff worked closely with architects and builders from the beginning to ensure that the full project provides better care for patients. We made our services more convenient for patients and more efficient for staff to work. The medical equipment and technology are the most modern available, and the building was constructed to the highest safety standards.

### **Expanding size and flexibility**

This hospital is a federally designated Critical Access Hospital, so we cannot have more than 25 inpatient beds. However, each inpatient room is now larger and offers more flexible use. Three rooms are “flex rooms,” which means we can change the type of care provided as needed. One room can serve as an Intensive Care or Acute Care room, and two of the rooms can serve as Acute Care or Labor and Delivery rooms. Also, the Sleep Lab, which previously had taken two inpatient beds, now has its own dedicated area, freeing up two more inpatient beds for our hospital patients.

### **Room for loved one to stay overnight**

Inpatient rooms are spacious enough for a family member to spend the night in a convertible bed and most rooms have splendid views of Yaquina Bay or the Pacific Ocean.

### **Expanded emergency with fast track**

The new Emergency Department has double the number of exam rooms (17 now, up from nine before) and a separate “fast track” option for less acute medical emergencies. Two of the rooms are “safe rooms” designed for comfort, decreased stimulation and safety for patients experiencing mental health issues. Also, the ER is now located close to the helipad, for quick and private transport of trauma patients and other emergent patients.

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*Did you know? Hospital services look different now than in the past. Long hospital stays are not the norm any longer. In fact, 83% of total revenue for our hospital comes from outpatient services and the hospital's average inpatient census is 11 per day, so the 25-bed limit meets our needs.*

### **Expanded surgical capacity**

The new hospital has five operating rooms (up from four) and they are considerably larger than before, so surgical teams can work more efficiently. Also, there is a C-section surgery suite located inside the Birthing Center on the third floor. All of these suites have the latest surgical and communications technology.

### **Clinics all in one space**

Previously, clinics were located in separate offices all around the campus. Now, most all clinics are co-located on the second floor of the new building. This is much more convenient for patients who use multiple services and allows clinicians to consult more easily.

### **Diagnostic Imaging in one location**

The hospital's Diagnostic Imaging Department is in one location for the first time, making it easier for clinicians to help patients. The new MRI machine is faster and less enclosed for patients who are fearful of tight spaces and we now offer nuclear medicine along with CT, dexta, ultrasound, mammography and X-ray.

### **Back hallways for patient transport**

We created "off stage" areas so staff can walk throughout much of the hospital without entering public spaces. This also means we can move patients privately from surgery to their room, rather than using common areas.

### **Full seismic upgrade**

The three-story addition and the renovated building, which was originally constructed in 1988, now meet the seismic zone standards of our Pacific Northwest area, making both buildings safer in the event of an earthquake.

### **Energy efficiencies**

The new hospital offers better air quality and air pressures for optimal patient safety along with improved comfort for patients, visitors and staff. The advanced building design even earned rebate funds from the Energy Trust of Oregon.

*Did you know? Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital is a nonprofit hospital.*

This means we treat everyone who needs care, regardless of their ability to pay.

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### **Expanded infusion services**

Ambulatory infusion is now located in the two-story building with a convenient entrance and parking nearby. The two rooms and nine infusion bays (up from seven) are more private and have views of the healing garden.

### **Expanded Cardiopulmonary Rehab**

The Cardiopulmonary Rehab gym is three times larger, includes a separate classroom area and offers views of the iconic Yaquina Bay bridge.

### **Improved sleep lab**

The sleep lab is now in a quieter environment that is better suited for performing a greater variety of sleep studies.

### **Larger wound care area**

The area for wound care has doubled in size, with treatment space for 10 people.

### **Improved Laboratory**

With more square footage, the hospital laboratory has new equipment and improved traffic flow that decreases interruptions in testing. Also, the lab is more convenient for patients, with registration and waiting areas just steps away from the hospital's galleria entry.

### **Kitchen and Café growing**

The kitchen is more than triple its previous size with fully modern equipment, allowing for expanded meal offerings. Visitors and staff have plenty of space to eat in the roomy café.

### **Physical Rehab already in expanded space**

Well before the hospital project was completed, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy had already relocated offsite to a spacious facility just a couple blocks south of the hospital.