



**HOSPITAL TO OPERATE FREESTANDING EMERGENCY ROOMS IN MIDWEST CITY, SOUTH OKC**



St. Anthony Healthplex South is under construction southeast of Interstate 44 and SW 134. The three-story 52,000-square-foot building is a twin, with the other one under way at Interstate 40 and Douglas Boulevard in Midwest City.

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# St. Anthony constructing two campuses in metro area

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St. Anthony Hospital is headed south and east.

Seven years into a decade-long plan to strengthen its 113-year presence in the heart of the city, St. Anthony also is expanding its reach with two new campuses with first-in-Oklahoma freestanding emergency rooms.

Flintco quietly began construction on the identical three-story, 52,000-square-foot buildings — St. Anthony Healthplex South at Interstate 44 and SW 134 and St. Anthony Healthplex East at Interstate 40 and Douglas Boulevard in Midwest City — almost six months ago. The hospital did not reveal its plans publicly until last week.

Each new center, to be operating by early 2012, will have a full emergency room, diagnostic imaging center, sleep center and breast center on the ground floor.

Primary-care physicians will occupy the second floor, and specialists such as nephrologists, ear-nose-throat surgeons, orthopedic surgeons and cardiologists will take the third floor.



The new St. Anthony campuses, designed by Miller Architects, will include emergency rooms, other medical services and doctors' offices.

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**Two of a kind**

The two emergency rooms, each with 12 examination rooms, will make the centers firsts of their kind in the state, said Joe Hodges, St. Anthony president. Freestanding emergency rooms are available in 16 other states, he said.

Hodges said the new locations will provide ser-

vices to medically underserved parts of the metro area, as well as expand St. Anthony's geographical footprint and market. He said St. Anthony is looking for opportunities to work with southside and eastern Oklahoma County employers on wellness and occupational therapy efforts.

And, "this is not like

your regular ER," he said, calling it a "hospitality/hotel" level of service.

**Full-service ERs**

Dr. Chad Borin, emergency services medical director, said medical treatment at either new emergency room will be indistinguishable from treatment at the St. Anthony Hospital ER. Patients re-

quiring admission to the hospital will be transferred directly to a room at the MidTown hospital, he said.

"Our patients may confidently seek care in these facilities staffed with board-certified emergency physicians and highly qualified staff," Borin said.

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This drawing by Miller Architects depicts how the lobby will look at St. Anthony Healthplex East and St. Anthony Healthplex South.

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# Healthplex: Rooms to feel like hotel

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"They will receive the same level of care as they would receive in the ER on our main campus."

## Site rises again

St. Anthony Healthplex South is on land acquired from southside developer P.B. Odom III, on a site St. Anthony Hospital considered for a new main campus in 2003.

The hospital, under pressure not to abandon the inner city as it was starting to rebound, eventually opted to stay put and commit \$200 million to improving itself and the surrounding MidTown neighborhood.

Odom said the southside location is "well placed" and will "allow their customer base to expand to the Tri-City area, Newcastle, Blanchard, Chickasha and beyond."

St. Anthony is partnering with developers Darin Miller and David Neff on the new locations, which were designed by Miller Architects Inc., project manager Peter Petromilli. Miller and Neff are taking one-third of each building to sublease to specialists, Miller said. Susan Davis Jordan of NAI Sullivan Group is handling leasing.

## 'Feeling of a hotel'

"Key features (include a) spacious emergency area with attention to unique



This drawing by Miller Architects shows how the nurses' stations will look at St. Anthony Healthplex East and St. Anthony Healthplex South.

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ensure quietness and a soothing atmosphere," St. Anthony said in a news release.

"Patient-focused details in each emergency exam room will offer the feeling of a hotel rather than a clinical setting. The Breast Center borrows spa-like design features to enhance the patient experience."

Hodges said St. Anthony started planning for the new locations five years ago, intending to own and operate the combination ERs/clinics/medical office buildings itself. The 2008 credit freeze delayed the rollout by a year or more, he said.

"Our focus is always on providing exceptional medical care," Hodges said.

"These state-of-the-art new facilities have been

our campus has served the needs in our MidTown location. The upscale architectural features special attention to details and high levels of customer service serve as a model of health care for the future."

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