


Oklahoma Heart Hospital South under construction

An \$11 million building will add clinic space, new services and allow expansion for Oklahoma Heart Hospital South, officials said.

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An \$11 million, 70,000-square-foot building under construction at Interstate 240 and Sooner Road is designed to expand the capabilities and services of Oklahoma Heart Hospital South.

A covered walkway will connect the planned three-story office building and clinic to the adjacent existing hospital, which has no clinic space, said John Austin, chief operating officer for Oklahoma Heart Hospital South. The new building is scheduled to be complete in July, Austin said.

The proximity of the new building will improve the hospital's response times for dealing with cardiac emergencies, said Dr. John Harvey, Oklahoma Heart Hospital CEO and president.

“Putting our doctors close to our patients is vital to the evolution of the south campus and a positive development in the care of our patients,” Harvey said.

About 100 people will be working in the building, Austin said, with nearly all moving from existing Oklahoma Heart Hospital locations.

The medical building will contain services such as cardiac MRI, an interventional pain management procedure suite, a cardiac rehabilitation and wellness center and physician offices, Austin said. Space is also being built for future operating rooms and catheterization labs as the hospital center grows.

“It gives us the ability to expand and grow and service patients in a more efficient and effective manner,” Austin said. “It's a one-stop shop. If you need to get lab work or get an X-ray, it's right here. You don't have to go across town.

“It's really a good win for the hospital and community on this side of town,” he said.

Where it stands

Oklahoma Heart Hospital South opened in January 2010. It was built by a consortium

that includes Oklahoma Heart Hospital North, Mercy Health Center, Midwest Regional Medical Center and Norman Regional Health System. It's owned in part by a group of cardiovascular specialists.

Officials broke ground on the new building two months ago. It's in its first phase of construction, which includes completion of the site work and foundation.

The second phase involves putting up steel and brick to shape the exterior of the building, and the final phase involves medically outfitting the facility for patient care and comfort.

Nabholz Construction is general contractor and the facility designer is Rees Associates; both are Oklahoma companies.



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