


## St. Anthony opens Healthplex South on Tuesday

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Members of the southwest Oklahoma City community joined St. Anthony Hospital officials Monday morning to bless and dedicate the hospital's new campus at Interstate 44 and SW 134.

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St. Anthony opened a mirror facility Friday at Interstate 40 and Douglas Boulevard in Midwest City.

The centers feature the state's first licensed, free-standing emergency rooms, and a full-service laboratory, and diagnostic imaging, sleep and breast imaging centers.

Within a few weeks, primary-care physicians will occupy the second floors of the respective centers. And next month, specialists such as nephrologists, ear-nose-throat surgeons, orthopedic surgeons and cardiologists will take the third floors.

St. Anthony worked with developers Darin Miller and David Neff on the new healthplexes, which were designed by Miller Architects Inc. and constructed simultaneously over the past 14 months by Flintco.

The cost of both projects is \$44 million. Miller and Neff will lease the new facilities to St. Anthony, which invested an additional \$4.5 million for equipment.

St. Anthony Healthplex South is on land acquired from southside developer P.B. Odom III. Hospital officials considered the same site for a new main campus in 2003, but opted to stay near downtown and committed \$200 million to improving itself and the surrounding MidTown neighborhood.