



Southwest Washington Medical Center News

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FACT SHEET: SWMC Patient Tower and Related Projects

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SWMC Patient Tower

About Southwest Washington Medical Center

SWMC is a community-owned, not-for-profit, 442-bed, medical institution located in Vancouver, Washington. Repeatedly recognized nationally as a 100 Top Hospital, SWMC provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient diagnostic, medical, and surgical services to Clark County residents. The region's health care leader and steward for nearly 150 years, SWMC is also Clark County's largest employer. SWMC's 3,200 employees and 443 active medical staff members help support 32 different medical specialty services and programs, focused on cancer, heart, emergency, trauma, neuro-musculoskeletal, family birth, and primary care.

Administration

Joe Kortum, SWMC President and Chief Executive Officer

Rainy Atkins, SWMC Chief Operating Officer

Chris Wamsley, SWMC Expansion Director

Project Scope

- Patient Tower: 307,000 square feet, eight stories, 154 beds
- Addition of 612 parking spaces—parking structure expansion, surface parking, underground tower parking
- Central Plant—To accommodate mechanical and electrical needs of the Patient Tower Project.

Cost

The project will cost an estimated \$146 million with the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), established in fall 2004. The project will be financed primarily by issuing public bonds to be reimbursed over the next (30) years. A portion of the funds necessary to complete key components of the project will also come from community donations. SWMC is a community-owned not for profit, tax exempt organization. Revenues that exceed expenses are reinvested back into infrastructure and technology improvements designed to enhance patient care. Through the involvement of community leadership, SWMC continues to be an excellent fiscal steward, with the goal of meeting the health care needs of the entire community well into the next century.

Location:

- 12-acre portion of the 32 acre Medical Center Campus at Mother Joseph Place and Mill Plain Boulevard in Vancouver, Washington
- Just northwest of the I-205 and Highway 14 interchanges

Timetable:

- Site preparation begins August 2003, Tower build-up—spring 2005.
- Project completion—December 2006

Hospital Services

- Regional tertiary referral center for acute medical services, including trauma, emergency, heart, cancer, neuro-musculoskeletal, family birth and primary care.

State-of-the-art Hospital

- Electronic medical record
- Medical imaging network providing digital imaging storage and picture archiving of all diagnostic imaging services.

Distinguishing Features (Patient Tower)

- Dedicated Heart and Vascular Center with five new cardiac catheterization labs and bi-plane technology.
- Two dedicated open heart surgery suites

- 13 new state-of-the-art surgery suites for trauma, general and orthopedic surgery.
- Five floors of private, single-occupancy patient rooms with accommodations for family and visitors (154 patient rooms)
- Decentralized Patient Registration services at the bedside
- Patient Station entertainment and information systems at the bedside

Safety and Security

- PYXIS automated medication dispensing system
- Bar code medication verification scanning
- Universal design and layout for nursing stations and patient rooms

Healing and Compassionate Care

- Patient rooms featuring comfortable accommodations for family members
- Private, contemplative spaces
- Expansive, open design and emphasis on natural light

Design Elements

- Distinctive façade featuring glass, stone, and concrete.
- Expansive glass enclosed lobby with public to private congregation areas
- Covered drop-off area for patients and families
- Tower patient rooms featuring views of Mt. Hood and Columbia River
- Lobby fireplace, entertainment area
- Lobby food services and outpatient pharmacy, and retail space

Vendors

Architect: NBBJ

General Contract: Hoffman/Anderson

Traffic Mitigation

- New access roads off 87th Avenue will improve entry into campus and reduce traffic volume on Mill Plain Boulevard.

- Valet Parking Services will be available both during and after construction to make access more convenient for patients and their families.

Approval

April 19, 2001:

SWMC announces submissions of Letter of Intent to the State of Washington for construction of a patient tower expansion project and addition of 82 new beds for a total of 442 licensed patient beds.

March 15, 2002:

The Washington State Department of Health announces is approval of SWMC application.

History

SWMC has a proud tradition as the oldest medical institution west of the Rocky Mountains. Founded in 1858, the hospital was originally named after St. Joseph by its founder, Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In 1977, St. Joseph Community and Vancouver Memorial Hospitals merged, forming Southwest Washington Hospitals. In 1989, the name was changed to reflect a major expansion in services. While no longer affiliated with any religious or administrative body, SWMC remains committed to making medical excellence part of our community.

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