



Intermountain Dixie Regional Medical Center Notes Expanded Campus

Expansion doubles size of hospital

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, September 14, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In June of 2016, Intermountain Healthcare's Dixie Regional Medical Center kicked off the major \$300 million expansion and consolidation endeavor that is the largest construction project in the history of Washington County, Utah. The expansion has more than doubled the size of the existing campus bringing the total hospital space to more than 960,000 square feet.

"It is exciting to see the hospital growing," said Mitchell Cloward, Administrator of Dixie Regional Medical Center. "Having all hospital services on one campus means seamless coordination of care, more efficiency, and less redundancy of staff and equipment. Having all hospital services in one location again will transform the patient experience and support our ongoing efforts to offer compassionate, collaborative, cutting-edge healthcare."

To better serve the community, the new Women and Newborn Center will open in November to house all clinical services for women and newborns. These include: maternal fetal medicine, OB/GYN providers, labor and delivery services, C-section surgical rooms, Simply Birth – low intervention birthing rooms, NICU, and mom and baby recovery rooms. Behavioral health will also be located in this building on the top level.

"Dixie Regional Medical Center has expanded and consolidated to meet the demands of our growing community," said Brian Chadaz, governing board chair of Dixie Regional. "This project enables Dixie Regional Medical Center to continue to offer the great healthcare our community has come to expect and also allowed Dixie Regional to expand specialized services and add new technology."

The new diagnostic and treatment building – on the northeast corner of the hospital – opened in March and contains all clinical lab services, 50 observation/specialty recovery beds, and two new high-tech surgical suites. The neurosurgical suite is home to Intermountain's first intraoperative MRI, and one of few across the country. This machine enables surgeons to view updated MRI images during surgery. Across the hall, the new hybrid angioplasty surgical suite is used for catheter-based surgical procedures such as transcatheter aortic valve replacement. The medical center will begin using that suite for mitral valve replacement next year.

"Having cutting edge technology such as the new interoperative MRI for brain surgery and the hybrid angiography suite in a community the size of ours is amazing," said Chadaz. "Planning for the ability to house these large technology items was integral to the design for the expansion. Leaving room for future technology was also important."

The new East Tower opened in June and houses more of the services previously located on 400 East. Those services include the wound clinic, a larger dual chamber hyperbaric chamber, inpatient Neuro Specialty Rehabilitation, a larger 32-bed adult intensive care unit, a pediatrics unit, and shelled space for future growth. A specially designed rehabilitation terrain park is designed into the courtyard between the East Tower and the existing hospital.

Lastly, the Intermountain Cancer Center of St. George will open in October and is located in a

standalone building east of the hospital. The center is 120,000 square feet and will contain all traditional oncology patient services as well as the leading-edge technology of Intermountain Precision Genomics including research labs, a DNA-sequencing facility, and a Stanford University Cancer Research Lab.

“This expansion project would not have been possible without the tremendous financial support and commitment of our great community,” said Cloward. “The spirit of giving that we have felt over and over again has made Dixie Regional and this expansion project a reality. We are extremely grateful.”

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