



The Medical Center

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*Get a sneak peak
of the new expansion
before it opens.*

*Join us for an
Open House and Tour
on Wednesday, September 8
from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

*A Chamber of Commerce
ribbon cutting will
take place at 9 a.m.*



The Medical Center \$30 million expansion

The expansion project for The Medical Center that adds two new patient floors and 48,000 square feet of space is complete and will open soon. The two-year expansion project which began in fall 2008 enables the hospital to continue meeting the growing need for healthcare services in Southcentral Kentucky.

The \$30 million expansion project is completely dedicated to patient care including 48 new private rooms. With these additional rooms, The Medical Center now has the capacity to provide all 337 beds for which it is licensed with all private rooms throughout the hospital.

Features of the expansion

The third floor of the new addition, designated as the D Tower, is dedicated to Orthopaedics and Neuroscience and features a satellite gym. Several patients can be accommodated at a time in the gym, allowing an opportunity for patients and family members to socialize and support each other. Multiple therapists will work in a team-oriented environment with patients, providing greater communication and better management of the patient's care.

The fourth floor is designated for Cardiothoracic and Vascular and provides nursing care to patients who have undergone open heart surgery or other thoracic and vascular procedures. The Open Heart Recovery unit is located on the fourth floor, allowing for quick transfer of patients to their rooms after they are stabilized following surgery.

Three rooms on each floor feature lifts, allowing for patients to be weighed and safely transferred to and from a wheelchair or the bathroom. One bariatric lift can hold up to 1,000 lbs. while the other two lifts can accommodate up to 550 lbs. Each floor also features two isolation rooms designed for patients with contagious airborne diseases such as tuberculosis.

Several nurses stations are positioned throughout each floor. Remote telemetry is available on both floors with a central monitoring station. Pharmacy and patient supplies are housed in secure stations to allow convenient access for nursing staff. A tube system is used to transfer items to ancillary departments such as the Lab and Pharmacy located in the main section of the hospital. A satellite kitchen allows Food Services staff to prep meals and deliver to patients in the new section.

Family members have access to comfortable waiting rooms, and on the third floor there is a conference room should physicians choose to meet privately with family members.

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