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Deaconess Celebrates Completion of an \$80 Million Expansion and Renovation

Oklahoma City, Okla.— Deaconess Hospital is excited to announce the completion of an \$80 million, multi-phase project that has doubled the size of the Emergency Department, patient admitting area and cafeteria. Also included in the project was the addition of 60,000 square feet of medical office space, upgraded Cardiac Catheterization Labs that feature technology for advanced diagnosis and treatment and a dedicated Women’s Imaging Center committed to treating women with care and compassion. With this investment, Deaconess was also the first in the Oklahoma City metro with TomoTherapy, a state of the art treatment that targets cancer with the accuracy of a pinpoint.

“For over 100 years, Oklahomans have trusted Deaconess Hospital for quality healthcare services. That commitment to providing exceptional care continues with an \$80 million investment in our hospital and the communities that we serve,” said Cathryn Hibbs, Deaconess Chief Executive Officer.

First in Oklahoma City to Provide TomoTherapy

One of the first phases of the construction project completed was the addition of TomoTherapy, one of the most advanced radiation oncology treatments available. Using 3-D imagery – TomoTherapy delivers a direct beam of radiation to the tumor with pinpoint accuracy.

“With TomoTherapy, we’re not only able to more accurately treat the cancer but also minimize the chance of long-term complications. Coupled with a staff that has more than 100 years experience fighting cancer, Deaconess Radiation Oncology is using advanced techniques to fight all types of cancer, including cancer of the prostate, head and neck, lung or skin,” said Deaconess Radiation Oncologist John R. Taylor, M.D., FACRO.

Expanded Emergency Department

The second phase of the project was the completion of the Emergency Department which has experienced exponential growth since the expansion was completed in August 2007. The department not only doubled the number of patient beds, but also added a fast track area that can accommodate those patients with minor emergencies.

Brian Bradley, Emergency Department Manager, said “The new space has added to the world class care by improving wait times and patient privacy, as well as utilizing new equipment. While all rooms have patient monitoring and are designed for flexibility, we also have specialized rooms for trauma, cardiac, orthopaedic, and psychiatric services. In addition, the triage bays have allowed space for nurses to initiate immediate treatment protocols if necessary.”

Dedicated Women’s Imaging Center Providing the Ultimate in Care and Convenience

Deaconess has also made it easier for women to take care of their diagnostic and imaging needs all under one roof with the opening of the Women’s Imaging Center. Located conveniently off the main hallway of the hospital, the dedicated Women’s Imaging Center features the latest in breast diagnostics with two digital mammography suites, an ultrasound suite, a stereotactic breast procedure suite and a bone densitometry suite.

“Deaconess has brought a new level of care to women by providing convenient comprehensive imaging services with an experienced staff that treats all patients with extraordinary care,” said Karin Beall, Women’s Imaging Manager.

Streamlined Admissions Process

Also completed in the multi-phase project was the expansion of the Patient Entrance and Admissions Lobby which has streamlined the inpatient processing services. With valet services located directly outside the Patient Entrance, the new Admissions Lobby serves as a warm and inviting entry point for patients coming to Deaconess for all inpatient and outpatient procedures.

Expanded Nutritional Services Areas

The hospital’s kitchen and dining facilities were also upgraded and expanded in order to better accommodate the growing facility. The updates to the cafeteria focused on expanding the dining area and adding an additional conference area, as well as updating and increasing the size of the kitchen.

Additional Medical Office Space

The addition of the three floors to Deaconess Medical Office Building – South has allowed Deaconess to recruit and house additional skilled specialty physicians on Deaconess campus. With such close proximity to the hospital, these physicians and their patients will have convenient access to Deaconess services. Deaconess Orthopaedics will be moving into this South tower in mid-November, along with Deaconess ENT and Deaconess Women’s Health clinics moving to this location in 2009.

“While we are proud of the new physical appearance of our hospital, at the heart of the facility is the same dedicated, caring staff that has continued to make an impact in the lives of our patients. The shared goal of our entire staff is to provide the very best patient care possible.” Hibbs said.

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