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Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican to Open Four New Neighborhood Hospitals in Las Vegas Valley
Partnership with Emerus Will Build New Facilities, with first to open early 2017

Henderson, Nev. – January 26, 2016 – Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, which operates three acute-care hospitals in Henderson and Las Vegas, today announced it will build four new neighborhood hospitals in the greater Las Vegas area within the next two years. These neighborhood hospitals are designed specifically to increase access to high-quality emergency care in an underserved metropolitan area.

Board-certified physicians, experienced nurses and other clinical specialists will staff the new neighborhood hospitals. The first level of each of the multi-million dollar hospitals will feature a comprehensive emergency department, an inpatient wing, imaging and quick-access lab services. In addition to Dignity Health Medical Group practices, other floors will house St. Rose community outreach programs, additional physician offices and other ancillary clinical services to support community health needs. All neighborhood hospitals will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering patients the highest levels of care in a smaller campus setting.

The first of the four locations to open is the North Las Vegas Campus, which is scheduled for opening in the first quarter of 2017. The North Las Vegas opening will be followed by three sites in Las Vegas: Blue Diamond Campus, West Flamingo Campus and Sahara Campus, with all sites in operation by summer 2017. Two additional valley locations are also under consideration.

As part of this expansion, St. Rose Dominican has entered into a joint-venture agreement with Emerus, a nationally recognized innovator in the delivery of efficient medical care, to build and manage these sites and to lay the groundwork for additional facilities through the region. This highly efficient model has been successful in both Colorado and Texas, creating shorter wait times in their fully functioning emergency departments, while decompressing the current burden of current ERs.

Brian Brannman, senior vice president of operations for Dignity Health Nevada. “By partnering with Emerus and building these neighborhood hospitals, we will be expanding our services to the community in convenient locations with compassion, efficiency and excellence, while maintaining our high standards for quality, safety and service. With several of our new locations in areas of redevelopment and growth, such as the North Las Vegas and Sahara/Decatur campuses, we will be the neighborhood choice. St. Rose is proud to work with Emerus to bring this highly-efficient health care model to Nevada.”

“We are honored to partner with Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, an organization that values excellence, compassion and collaboration,” said Dr. Toby Hamilton, MD, FACEP and CEO of Emerus. “Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican hospitals will continue to grow as the Las Vegas region grows. They are positioned to be the region's leader in the delivery of efficient, value-driven, community-based health care now and into the future.”

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A groundbreaking celebration for the North Las Vegas Campus will be held March 2. Construction on the initial four hospitals is expected to begin shortly. Once open, each hospital is expected to create more than 100 permanent jobs in the greater Las Vegas area.

In addition to creating additional access for high-demand, lifesaving emergency care, these neighborhood campuses will also extend access to primary care. Nevada ranks 46th in the nation for its share of primary care doctors, family care specialists and pediatricians. Each neighborhood campus will include a new Dignity Health Medical Group primary-care clinic, which will help ease the burden on primary-care physicians currently in practice.

About Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican

As the community's only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored health system, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been guided by the vision and core values of the Adrian Dominican Sisters for more than 65 years. As the Henderson and Las Vegas communities grow, the three St. Rose Dominican hospitals (the Rose de Lima, Siena and San Martín Campuses) and more than 3,400 employees will continue the Sisters' mission of serving people in need. St. Rose Dominican is a member of the 21-state Dignity Health network of nearly 11,000 physicians, 56,000 employees, and more than 300 care centers, including hospitals, urgent and occupational care, imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics. For more information, visit our website at strosehospitals.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or our [Blog](#). St. Rose is hiring! To apply for an open position, visit our [careers](#) website.

About Emerus

Emerus is a nationally recognized leader in the delivery of compassionate, high-quality inpatient, surgical and diagnostic care. Its distinctive level of care that includes streamlined admitting procedures, highly qualified physicians and innovative diagnostic equipment earned Emerus the 2014 Guardian of Excellence Award for Superior Patient Experience. Emerus specializes in the identification, development and management of improved-access and operationally efficient medical facilities throughout the United States. Its community-based approach prioritizes limited inpatient stays, efficient emergency rooms and cost-effective pricing in a smaller campus setting. Emerus has more than 1,000 employees, with expert concentrations in over 20 different fields throughout the medical industry. More information is available at www.emerus.com.

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