

**Sierra Providence Health Network and Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
Center El Paso Hold Groundbreaking for New Teaching Hospital  
Thursday, August 14, 2014**

Sierra Providence Health Network (SPHN) and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso broke ground August 14, on the new multi-million dollar teaching hospital and medical office building (MOB) in far West El Paso on the corner of Transmountain and Resler.

The ceremony marks the beginning of the construction of the 140-bed teaching hospital that will become the fourth acute care hospital in the Sierra Providence Health Network (SPHN). The new hospital will provide an educational site for medical students, nursing students, resident physicians and faculty from TTUHSC El Paso's and will eventually offer training for approximately 75 medical residents across a multi-year program.

The investment in new technology and medical research will enhance educational training in specialties such as emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery. This collaboration will also provide patients with opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research.

"Sierra Providence Health Network is committed to making the city of El Paso the preferred destination for health care services in the region, and we couldn't be more excited about our collaboration with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso to help us achieve this objective," said Eric Evans, Market CEO for SPHN. "Together, we will offer an outstanding quality and exceptional service to Northwest El Paso, Southern New Mexico, and Juarez. The collaboration will facilitate the sharing of best practices among clinical leaders to further drive improvements in care. We are proud to take this important step in our quest to provide world-class healthcare to the communities we serve."

"Our new affiliation with Sierra Providence Health Network will allow our students and residents to learn in a state-of-the-art community based hospital while meeting the needs of our accreditation requirements for expanding class size," said Dr. Richard Lange, Founding President of TTUHSC El Paso and Dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

This development complements SPHN's continued investment in the city of El Paso including the recent completion of a new patient tower at Sierra Providence East Medical Center and the on-going renovation/expansion work being completed at Sierra Medical Center and Providence Memorial Hospital. As previously released, SPHN and TTUHSC El Paso have also recently collaborated to develop the city's first acute-care based geriatric behavioral health unit at Providence Memorial Hospital and to add, TTUHSC anesthesia providers to care for patients across the network.

**About Sierra Providence Health Network:**

Sierra Providence Health Network includes Sierra Providence East Medical Center, Sierra Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital and Providence Children's Hospital. The Network also offers a wide range of outpatient services including Sierra Providence TotalCare, Sierra Providence Urgent Care Centers, Sierra Providence Trawood Center and ER, Sierra Teen and Women's Centers, Wound Care Centers and Sierra Providence Sleep Disorders Center. SPHN is committed to providing the Greater El Paso region with high-quality, patient-centered care that improves our region's well being.

**About Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso**

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, the Texas Tech University System's fourth university, has a mission to provide education, research, and patient care to West Texas. It is comprised of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing and is a regional campus for a Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The university has a clinical practice called Texas Tech Physicians which is part of the largest network of healthcare physicians in West Texas. Research focuses on cancer, diabetes & obesity, infectious diseases, and neurology.

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