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Speare Hospital at Boulder Point Nearing Completion

PLYMOUTH, N.H.--- Having broken ground less than a year ago, Speare Memorial Hospital's new medical office building—Speare Memorial at Boulder Point—is nearing completion.



The 32,000 square foot facility will be the new home for RehabFIT, Plymouth Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic, Tenney Mountain Internal Medicine, White Mountain Eye Care, Oliver Drug and the Visiting

Physician's Suite. An open house is being planned for December to give the community a sneak peak before all practices and departments have moved in.

The first department to occupy the building will be RehabFIT, scheduled to move in on November 30. They will begin seeing outpatient physical and occupational therapy patients at Boulder Point on Tuesday, December 1. RehabFIT's new medical fitness program will open in January.

Following RehabFIT, the Radiology (X-ray) and Laboratory satellite sites, as well as Plymouth Orthopedics, are expected to move in before Christmas. After the new year, White Mountain Eye Care, Tenney Mountain Internal Medicine and the Visiting Physicians will move and expect to be fully operational at Boulder Point by mid-January. However, in the days leading up to each practice moving, patients should anticipate office closures.

According to Lloyd Berry, SMH's facilities services director, the staggered move-in approach will allow the detail work in each area to be completed so practices can be fully functional when they open the doors to patients. Also, it coordinates moving support services in tandem with providers.

Renovations Underway on Old Infirmary Building

As the Boulder Point construction project is wrapping up, the next renovation project at the hospital's main campus has begun. The old Plymouth State infirmary is being renovated to be the new home for Plymouth OB/GYN and a temporary location for Plymouth General

Surgery. Once both are relocated by mid-February 2010, the medical office building (MOB) they currently occupy on Avery St. will be demolished.

As SMH President/CEO Michelle McEwen, FACHE, explains, “Our current building adjacent to the hospital was originally built in 1960. Due to antiquated infrastructure that is cost prohibitive to maintain, it has become obsolete. Additionally, there are numerous code compliance issues that cannot be rectified without extensive costly work.”

Following demolition, the second floor of the hospital, accessible by the elevator just inside the Emergency Department entrance, will be renovated as Plymouth General Surgery’s permanent home. All renovations are expected to be complete summer 2010.

Spere Memorial Hospital is a 24-hour, acute care, non-profit community hospital and health care provider serving Plymouth and the communities of central New Hampshire for more than a century. Visit online at www.spearehospital.com and join us on Facebook.

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