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Health-care center a year away in South Jordan

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Artist rendering shows the new South Jordan Health Center, located at 5200 W. Daybreak Parkway (11400 South).

South Jordan • University of Utah Health Care is building a clinic that will be part of an eventual 60-acre medical campus at the foot of the Oquirrh Mountains.

The new South Jordan Health Center, located at 5200 W. Daybreak Parkway, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. It will be the first major commercial project in Daybreak's South Station Village, and the first phase of the larger medical campus.

Land for the campus, to be completed within the next decade, was set aside by Rio Tinto's Kennecott Land at about 11400 South. The Kennecott project is part of a plan by the London-based parent company Rio Tinto to develop surplus mining property on the Salt Lake Valley's west bench.

The development is situated on more than 4,000 acres in South Jordan where 20,000 homes are planned.

“South Jordan and the surrounding communities have seen tremendous growth over the past few years, and the need for high-quality health care grows with every new home that is built,” said a statement from Lorris Betz, CEO of University of Utah Health Care. “This new center will be the university’s largest off-campus facility and the first phase of a larger university medical campus in South Jordan.”

The 300 physicians and medical staff at the center will be a direct link for patients to the university’s 1,000 doctors and hundreds of specially trained health-care providers, according to Susan Terry, medical director of the new center and the system’s 10 other community clinics.

On Aug. 23, a temporary health-care clinic will open. This facility, located adjacent to the SoDa Row Village Center in Daybreak, will offer primary and some specialty care. The medical staff working in the temporary clinic will move to the new center when completed.

In July, officials of the U. and Kennecott Land broke ground on the 208,000 square-foot medical facility. The center will include a 24-hour emergency room, outpatient surgery center and exam rooms, medical imaging services, a pharmacy, space for community education and a restaurant.

In addition, the center will offer specialty services provided by the university’s Huntsman Cancer Hospital, Moran Eye Center, Orthopaedic Center and the Neuropsychiatric Institute, said Chris Nelson, with University Health Care.

The new center will be located adjacent to the South TRAX light-rail station in Daybreak. Patients and the medical staff at the clinic can opt to ride TRAX from Daybreak to the university’s main campus for additional medical services. The center also is adjacent to the future Mountain View Corridor freeway, which would largely follow 6200 West.

The facility is designed by Dixon and Associates and built by Layton Construction.

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When • Set to open in 2011, with medical staff of 300 employees. A temporary clinic opens Aug. 23.

What • 24-hour emergency room, outpatient surgery, exam rooms and pharmacy.

