

BUSINESS PULSE SURVEY

Scott & White planning Round Rock hospital

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[Scott & White](#) will start construction this fall on a 76-bed hospital, multi-specialty clinic and digital diagnostic imaging center on Chandler Road and I-35 in Round Rock.

This is the first phase of what will ultimately become a 300-bed hospital with multiple medical office buildings on a 68-acre campus, the hospital says.

The first medical office building is set to be completed in the fall of 2006 and will include 76,000 sq. ft. of clinic space.

The hospital will be ready for occupancy the first quarter of 2007.

"Providing enhanced services to the people of Williamson and Travis counties has been a long-term goal for Scott & White," says Alfred Knight, Scott & White president and CEO.

"Our proposed services will complement the specialists and hospital services currently in Williamson County and provide better supporting care for our clinics in Cedar Park, Taylor and Georgetown."

Three Scott & White entities -- the Scott & White Hospital, the Scott & White Clinic, and the Scott & White Diagnostic Imaging Center -- will be housed within the complex.

In its first phase, the hospital will be 196,000 sq. ft. with a four-story, 76-bed tower, and will feature an emergency medicine center, inpatient and outpatient surgical services, endoscopy suites, surgical suites, general medicine, and obstetrical and newborn services.

Subsequent phases will add additional towers and bring the hospital up to a total of 300 beds.

The medical office building will include both the Scott & White Clinic and non-affiliated private practice physicians.

Scott & White is recruiting 30 permanent physicians to augment the 22 physicians currently in Taylor, Cedar Park, and Georgetown.

Following this initial recruitment, the building will still have capacity available for another 30 physicians.

Specialties anticipated at the campus include: cardiology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, obstetrics/gynecology, otolaryngology, urology, gastroenterology, neurology, podiatry, internal medicine, and plastic surgery.

The Scott & White Diagnostic Imaging Center will offer a full range of general radiology, state-of-the-art 64-slice CT, high power MRI, nuclear medicine, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, and mammography.

Physicians can also refer patients for pulmonary function tests, bronchoscopy, electrophysiology, stress tests and many other diagnostic procedures.

A comprehensive laboratory providing a full spectrum of state-of-the-art tests will also be available.

The architect for the project is Austin-based Page Southerland Page.

Vaughn Construction from Houston will manage the center's construction, with project management provided by the Hammes Company from Brookfield, Wis.

Scott & White purchased the necessary land in 1997, with plans to erect a specialty diagnostic clinic.

The changing pattern of development throughout Williamson County offered the opportunity to enhance initial plans to include a comprehensive acute care hospital, in addition to expanded specialty services.

The area's growth has outpaced available healthcare capacity, the hospital says.

More than 60 percent of residents travel outside of Williamson County to receive inpatient medical care, according to Texas Hospital Association data.

Dr. Richard Schultz, an orthopedic surgeon and assistant professor of surgery at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, will serve as the facility's medical director.

A search is underway for a CEO for the hospital, while Hardy will serve as administrator of the clinic.