

Updated Plans Expand Services In New Building

The future is now when it comes to shell space in Tampa General Hospital's new building.

With demand for hospital services ever increasing, sections of the building that were going to be set aside for future use are now slated for immediate development.

These sections include the entire sixth floor and areas of the fifth floor Critical Care Center and the fourth floor Women's Center.

On the expansion project's sixth floor, plans are now underway to build a digestive disorders center – with 10 procedure rooms and 24 pre- and post-procedure beds – and a 32-bed medical-surgical unit.

Further development is also in the works for the new Critical Care Center, which originally was designed to accommodate one 18-bed intensive care unit and



An open courtyard on the building's fourth floor. The courtyard will eventually be a serene place for visitors to sit, with landscaping and comfortable benches.

shell space for two future ICUs. Now, plans are to start building the additional ICUs immediately after the first one is finished.

In the new Women's Center, shell space will be developed into ultrasound rooms and a GYN suite with four operating rooms and pre- and post-procedure beds.

As of now, only the Vascular Center on the third floor will retain all its shell space. On the second floor, the Emergency and Trauma Center will completely occupy its area.

At 342,364 square feet, Tampa General's new building is more than half the size of the 633,291-square-foot West Pavilion, providing an ample solution to the hospital's present space problems.

Watching It Grow

Hospital employees have been eagerly watching the new building's progress since May 2005 when concrete columns began rising on the campus's northwest side.

This beautiful new building is now fully enclosed, with all its outer walls and windows in place. The towering 10-story crane, which for months was the construction site's centerpiece is now gone. Also gone are the beeps and clangs of trucks and heavy equipment and the



The entrance to the Emergency and Trauma Center from the ramp. Automatic doors will be installed later. Visitors and ambulances can bring patients right to the door.

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USF Building Taking Shape

The University of South Florida's new medical office building is rapidly taking shape, with its steel frame nearly complete. Soon, construction workers will begin affixing the concrete panels that make up the structure's exterior.

The seven-story, 126,000-square-foot building will be named USF Health Pavilion South. It will include the following services when it opens next summer:

- Fully digital diagnostic imaging, including MRI, CT, women's diagnostics with mammography and ultrasound, fluoroscopy, basic X-ray, and nuclear medicine
- Outpatient facilities, including 90 clinic exam rooms
- Patient support areas and patient administrative services
- A Patient Outreach and Education Center
- Clinical space, which is expected to include pediatrics, cardiology, general



surgery, vascular surgery, digestive disorders, internal medicine, OB-GYN, and brain health, including neurosurgery, neurology and psychiatry

- Clinical and translational research
- USF currently leases space in Harbour Side Medical Tower and 17 Davis Boulevard. This will be the first university-owned structure

USF's new seven-story building is rising quickly. The building is expected to open next summer.

on the TGH campus, marking an important milestone in the two organizations' relations.

You can learn more about USF Health Pavilion South by logging on to website www.myhealthcare.usf.edu.

Huge pipes and air handlers fill the mechanical room on the new building's roof. Chilled water from the hospital's energy center is pumped here to create cooled air for the new building's air conditioning system.



TGH Project Manager Mike Daniels shows where workers will break through an external wall of the West Pavilion to create a corridor between the new ER and operating rooms on the West Pavilion's second floor.



Crates of sun shades wait on the roof to be installed on windows.

The new garage progresses toward Seddon Channel from its junction with the existing garages.



Garage Progresses Toward Channel

For a structure with such an unsentimental name, Garage 4 arouses a lot of emotion.

Now under construction, the garage inspired hundreds of TGH employees to enthusiastically rally for its approval by the Tampa City Council in May 2005. And some 1,000 staff members who park off site are watching its progress with unabashed yearning.

As the structure expands, off-campus parkers and space-squeezed visitors are eagerly looking forward to its opening, when they'll be able to comfortably park on campus.

They won't have to wait much longer. The project has completed its first two phases and is now in its third, and final, phase.

The structure currently abuts the three existing garages and extends about halfway toward Seddon Channel. Construction workers now are focusing on completing its extension toward the water.

The garage will ultimately adjoin the Marjorie Merritt Davis Memorial Promenade, a 1,307-foot-

long linear park that will meander along the waterway to Davis Islands' northern tip.

Also under construction is a storm water retention system. The system involves a series of roof and floor drains that guide rainwater into an underground reservoir, where it will be filtered and the clean water drained into the channel.

By January, the garage's structure should be completed. Then the final details – installation of lighting, elevators, fire sprinklers, hand rails, and signage – will be addressed.

Those details include assigning specific colors to each story's elevators, stairwells, and signage as an aid to garage patrons, says TGH Interior Designer Christine Wright.

"We're trying to make it easier on everybody to find their way around," Christine says. "People may not remember their floor number, but they may remember its

color. This is similar in concept to the Tampa Airport elevators, which use aviation themes."

With completion of the garage's structure, workers will begin

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construction of the linear park in January. The park is scheduled to open in the spring with the new garage.

The park will be a showplace for TGH employees and visitors, says TGH Architect Larry Penuel.

"The promenade will start behind the garage and run along the water to the Rehabilitation Center," Larry says. "Along the way, there will be benches, landscaping, and interesting canopy structures made of fabric and supported by steel to form interesting shapes.

"The walkway will be an attractive patterned surface, and the seawall railing will match the new seawall railing at the new expansion project building," he says.

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shouts of workers as they worked on the building's foundation, floors, and exterior walls.

From the outside, all appears quiet. But on the inside, it's a different story.

Some 300 workers now fill the building with the mission of converting the large gray concrete spans on each floor into real hospital units with hallways, rooms, nursing stations, and other facilities.

The schedule calls for the second and fifth floors and the glass-enclosed lobby to open in fall 2007, followed about three months later by the third and fourth floors. The sixth floor will be the last to open in summer 2008.

With that schedule in mind, most of the action is occurring on the second and fifth floors. There, a labyrinth of computer cabling, plumbing, electrical wiring, medical gas pipes, pneumatic tubing, fire sprinkler pipes, and air conditioning ducts snake around the ceilings and down the walls.

In addition, hundreds of metal studs that provide the rooms' skeletal framework are up on the second and fifth floors, and workers are in the process of installing



A second floor corridor leading to the Aeromed dispatch office. The office's window will look out on the helicopter pad.



Borrell electric workers review plans. They are among 300 construction workers helping to build the project.

drywall. When they're finished, the drywall workers will move up to floors three and four, where about 75 percent of the studs are now up.

By late November, other workers will converge on the second and fifth floors to install ceilings, flooring, and cabinets, to paint, and to add other finishing touches.

The job is making good progress, says Facilities Management Director Oslec Fernandez.

"We're on schedule and we're geared up and moving like crazy," he says.

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A family waiting room in the pediatric ER. The expansive windows are typical of waiting rooms that will be constructed throughout the facility.

