

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Sanford Fargo Medical Center**

### **Q: Why is Sanford building a new hospital in Fargo?**

A: Greater access and room for growth are two main reasons. About 58 percent of Sanford's downtown campus patients come from outside the metro area. While the downtown campus will always have capacity and resources to serve our patients well, the new southwest Fargo site will be able to accommodate our growing community with easier access to patients traveling from outside the area. Located on over 100 acres in a growing area of southwest Fargo, the new site provides the space and capacity for future expansion. With two major interstates crossing near the site, as well as the major intersection of 45th Street and Veteran's Boulevard, the new site allows easy access from all directions.

### **Q: What will the new campus look like?**

A: Sanford's new medical center models the future of health care. The unique x-shaped facility successfully integrates services between the hospital and clinic within the signature Sanford collegiate gothic design, introduced in the heart hospital in Sioux Falls. The new campus designates special areas for four of Sanford's five Centers of Excellence (heart, children's, women's, orthopedics/sports medicine). The fifth Center of Excellence – cancer – will remain at the downtown Roger Maris Cancer Center.

### **Q: What is the cost of the project?**

A: The estimated project cost is \$541 million – the largest private construction project of its kind ever in North Dakota. It includes a 10-story medical center and clinic with \$134 million allocated for soft costs (design, engineering, etc.).

### **Q: Why 460 beds?**

A: This is based on expected population growth, factoring in advances in outpatient treatments and shorter hospital stays that lessen the need for inpatient hospital beds.

### **Q: What services will be located at the new hospital?**

A: The 1.3 million sq. ft. facility will house Sanford's medical and surgical services, emergency medicine, and four out of five Centers of Excellence (heart, children's, women's, orthopedics/sports medicine). Highlights include: 32 operating rooms (includes two cesarean birth rooms), 12 heart catheterization/interventional labs, and 51 emergency treatment/trauma rooms.

### **Q: How is Sanford designing the new facility?**

A: Designing a new hospital from the ground up provides an extraordinary opportunity to "do it right" for our patients. With that in mind, a steering committee consisting of leadership in the areas of patient care, nursing, facilities, finance, marketing, foundation and many others established guiding principles, placing the patient as the top priority. Other guiding principles of the committee include a focus on a healthy environment, convenience for patients, promotion of patient and staff safety, enhanced privacy, reduction of noise and the standardization and support for clinical research and education.

### **Q: What will happen to the downtown Sanford campus?**

A: Sanford's commitment to continued investment in downtown Fargo is strong. The downtown campus will continue to be home to 2,000 employees and will occupy 200,000 sq. ft. and 220 private beds. Sanford's downtown medical center, a vital part of our downtown community, will be transformed into a greatly expanded facility, including an enhanced Roger Maris Cancer Center. It will receive a facelift to better serve patients and the oldest buildings will be removed adding green space that promotes healing. Downtown changes will cost an estimated \$30 million, including a short-term \$4 million for expansion of the cancer center's treatment and research capacity to four or five times its current size. Although cancer will be the downtown center's primary focus, it also will include behavioral health, palliative care and physical rehabilitation. The downtown renovation also includes demolishing older portions of the complex, as some areas are more than 80 years old.