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Progress Underway!  
*Big Changes Taking Place at George Regional Hospital*



With patient care at the forefront of construction plans, the hospital held a Groundbreaking Ceremony to commemorate the addition of a new 24,000 square foot expansion. “As your community healthcare system, it’s our responsibility to provide you with the best medical care and facilities that we can. With that purpose in mind, expanding our facilities has been a goal for several years now,” explains Greg Havard, CEO, George Regional Health System. “The first three phases are complete. Those included the 60-bed nursing home (George Regional Health & Rehab), the thirteen additional acute care hospital rooms, and the expansion of Labor & Delivery. It’s now time to begin the fourth and final phase.”

The two-story structure will house a new Emergency Department on the first floor fully capable of handling the 15,000 visits per year that our ER receives. In addition to a covered ambulance bay, this space will include a large waiting area, nine exam rooms, two trauma rooms, and a triage room to better accommodate our patients and their families.

It will also include space to consolidate imaging services all in one location including X-Ray, CT, Digital Mammography, MRI, Fluoroscopy, Ultrasound, and Nuclear Medicine.

The upstairs will be home to Obstetrics & Gynecology Associates. “The expansion will not only allow us to improve the care of our patients in the ER, Radiology and Urgent Care, but having our office directly connected to the hospital will make patient care more convenient,” adds Jay Pinkerton, M.D., Chief of Staff

The expansion is tentatively scheduled to be completed January 2019.

Photo Cutline:

Community leaders gathered for the Groundbreaking Ceremony to officiate the hospital’s expansion. Pictured left to right are: Henry Cochran, George County Board of Supervisor; Cohen Holland, George Regional Hospital Board of Trustee; Fred Croom, George County Board of Supervisor; Frankie Massey, George Regional Hospital Board of Trustee; Larry Havard, George County Board of Supervisor; Robbie Langley, George Regional Hospital Board of Trustee; Dr. Jay Pinkerton, George Regional Health System Chief of Staff; Greg Havard, George Regional Health System CEO; Lloyd Cooley, George Regional Hospital Board of Trustee; Ray Hunter, George Regional Hospital Board of Trustee; Marty Hardy, President and Lead Architect, Hardy and Associates, and Robert Starks, Vice President, Starks Contracting Co.

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