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**Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth** and Centerre Healthcare Corp. plan to build a \$14 million rehabilitation hospital near Texas Health Fort Worth.

Construction will start in either February or March on the 50-bed **Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Worth**, a planned 58,800-square-foot rehabilitation hospital.

Scheduled for completion in early 2011, the new hospital will be built on 3.4 acres of land owned by Texas Health Fort Worth, and will have the ability to expand to 60 beds, Texas Health officials said.

Texas Health Fort Worth currently has an inpatient rehabilitation unit, but demands for inpatient rehab and overall acute care have increased through the years, said Joseph DeLeon, vice president of professional services and business development at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth.

The joint venture between Texas Health Fort Worth, which is part of Arlington-based **Texas Health Resources** hospital system, and Nashville, Tenn.-based Centerre Healthcare will provide inpatient treatment services for patients recovering from strokes, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, orthopedic surgeries and injuries, hip fractures, joint replacements and other conditions.

"This is a true joint venture partnership with Texas Health Fort Worth and Centerre being equally represented on the board," said Patrick Foster, CEO of Centerre Healthcare.

The hospital will provide nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and other related services. In addition, it will offer specialized therapy programs such as a brain injury unit and stroke program.

"This new rehab hospital will offer a comprehensive brain injury program right here in Tarrant County, so patients do not have to travel to Dallas," DeLeon said.

The hospital also will feature a therapeutic pool, a therapy gym with the latest equipment, a therapy courtyard, and employ 140 health care personnel including nurses, physical therapists, and administrative staff. Physicians specializing in physical medicine, rehabilitation and other specialties will work closely with staff.

The new hospital will help the Fort Worth hospital provide a continuum of care for patients from the hospital to rehabilitation care, DeLeon said.



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“This advanced rehabilitation facility will be focused on treating patients who have suffered a devastating illness or injury with the goal of giving each patient the highest quality of life and level of independence possible,” Foster said in a statement.

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