

Take three projects and call me in the morning: St. John expands offerings

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TULSA – St. John Health System is expanding its brand into south Tulsa, south Broken Arrow and Claremore with more than \$20 million in clinic construction projects.

All three efforts will consolidate and rebrand existing offices that had operated under other names.

Working from plans by Davies Architects, Cowen Construction is remodeling a 6,445-square-foot facility at 3315 S. Elm Pl. in Broken Arrow for debut late this summer as a St. John Clinic.

Manhattan Construction started work in February on a projected \$8 million clinic at 1910 S. Falcon Ave. in Claremore, with designs by Kinslow Keith and Todd Architects.

“We’re hoping maybe we can get it done in November,” said Lex Anderson, senior vice president and chief financial officer of St. John Health System. “That will depend on many different factors, many beyond our control.”

That 20,000-square-foot facility will mirror the \$11.7 million St. John Clinic that opened Thursday afternoon at 1441 E. 75th Pl. South, just off of Riverside Drive.

At 33,400 square feet, that clinic commands a larger size by consolidating three Family Medical Care clinics in south Tulsa, as well as the In His Image Family Medicine Residency program and Good Samaritan Health Services, which served more than 7,000 uninsured or underinsured patients last year from its offices and two mobile care units.

The Riverside clinic also hosts St. John’s international medical ministry, said Mitch Duinick, residency director and president of In His Image Inc.

“Coming back under one roof and the St. John connection has been huge for us,” he said.

The new Riverside facility features three clinical wings that give the 18 family physicians' available exam rooms access to 52 exam rooms, up from 42. A fourth wing provides laboratory and X-ray services, with offices and meeting areas at the back for the 110 staff members, doctors and 30 resident students.

The Riverside and Claremore operations will provide urgent care services.

Family Medical Care saw more than 20,000 patients last year in its former offices around 81st and Memorial. With the Riverside clinic receiving patients 12 hours each weekday, plus Saturday availability, Duininck said the patient load could follow their 15- to 20-percent increase in exam rooms.

"Being right here on Riverside Drive, it's noticeable to the public," he said of the new clinic. "We expect a significant increase in our availability, and therefore in the access of patients that will be coming."