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University Hospitals plans North Ridgeville Health Center and freestanding emergency department

(North Ridgeville) - University Hospitals announced plans to build a \$32.4 million state-of-the-art outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department in North Ridgeville later this year with a projected completion date in 2017.

The proposed 50,300-square-foot ambulatory health center and freestanding emergency department will sit on more than 30 acres of land highly visible from I-480, I-80/Ohio Turnpike and easily accessed from Route 10.

“The new health center will allow us to meet the increased demand for outpatient services and provide primary and specialty care in the communities surrounding UH Elyria Medical Center and St. John Medical Center,” said Donald Sheldon, MD, President of UH Community Hospitals West Region. “The planned new construction exemplifies our commitment to improving access to the highest quality care in an efficient patient-centered environment.”

The new health center’s design is being finalized and initial plans include a freestanding emergency department, outpatient laboratory services, and physical therapy, primary and specialty care physician services. Services will include UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital pediatric services, heart & vascular, orthopaedics, pain management, general surgery, and rehabilitation.

A major component of the new facility, a freestanding emergency department will be operational 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The ED will be fully integrated medically and operationally with the UH system and provide leading-edge technology and imaging.

“We welcome University Hospitals. This is an exciting opportunity for significant and positive investments that will keep our community vibrant and healthy,” said North Ridgeville Mayor G. David Gillock. “As one of the most forward-thinking health care systems in the country, University Hospitals will provide extraordinary benefits to our community for years to come.”

“Residents in North Ridgeville, Elyria, Avon, Westlake and surrounding communities will have immediate access to life-saving technology and medical treatment,” adds Dr. Sheldon. “We will respond to heart and stroke emergencies with remote EKG monitoring and the latest clot-busting

medications. In addition, we can provide critical care transport for patients needing a higher level of care, such as interventional catheterization and hospitalization if necessary at UH Elyria Medical Center, St. John Medical Center or UH Case Medical Center.”

About University Hospitals

University Hospitals, the second largest private employer in Northeast Ohio with 26,000 employees, serves the needs of patients through an integrated network of 16 hospitals, more than 35 outpatient health centers and primary care physician offices in 15 counties. At the core of our \$3.5 billion health system is University Hospitals Case Medical Center, ranked among America’s best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. The primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, UH Case Medical Center is home to some of the most prestigious clinical and research programs in the nation, including cancer, pediatrics, women's health, orthopaedics, radiology, neuroscience, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, digestive health, transplantation and genetics. Its main campus includes UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, ranked among the top children's hospitals in the nation; UH MacDonald Women's Hospital, Ohio's only hospital for women; and UH Seidman Cancer Center, part of the NCI-designated Case Comprehensive Cancer Center at Case Western Reserve University. For more information, go to www.uhhospitals.org