

# HEALTH FACILITIES MONITOR

## What You Need to Know

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### TOP STORIES

#### Early Hospital Data from Omicron Epicenter Shows Milder Disease

Early data from a hospital complex in South Africa's omicron epicenter indicate that while Covid-19 case numbers have surged, patients need less medical intervention due to the variant.

Source: *Bloomberg Law, USA Today*

#### Kaiser Engineers Strike Leads to Sympathy Strike

The stationary and biomedical engineer members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Stationary Engineers Local 39 continued their strike at Kaiser facilities in Northern California over concerns with wages.

Source: *Oakland North, Becker's Hospital Review, Kaiser Permanente, ABC7*

#### 8 Hospitals Cutting Inpatient Care

Several hospitals cited lower patient volume as a reason to scale back inpatient care.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

#### ECU, Vidant Advance Plan to Create Academic Health System Brand for Rural Health

East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Health took the first step in the final approval process in creating ECU Health with the goal of becoming a national academic model for providing rural health care.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review, East Carolina University, WNCT9*

#### CommonSpirit Health Plans Sale of 14 North Dakota, Minnesota Hospitals

Although CommonSpirit Health's planned sale of 14 North Dakota and Minnesota hospitals to Essentia Health did not see the light of day, the Catholic health system disclosed to

investors that another buyer is already at the negotiation table.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

## Centura Health Boosts Pay, Benefits by \$82M

The changes include increased tuition reimbursement, paid time off cash-outs, housing stipends, changes to sign-on bonuses, and market-based bonuses and adjustments.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

## Lifespan, Care New England Move Closer to Merger

A merger application between Rhode Island's two largest health systems, Lifespan Corp. and Care New England Health System is awaiting a state-level decision, amidst outcries from local organizations.

Source: *Providence Journal, Business Journals, Health Leaders Media, Rhode Island Foundation*

## Jefferson Health, Bayada Form Post-Acute Home Care Services Joint Venture

The Jefferson Health at Home joint venture will combine Jefferson Health's existing home health and hospice services and Bayada Home Health Care's scale and management systems.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

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# What's Next for Healthcare Facilities in These Unsettled Times?

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|          |        |               |     |              |     |
|----------|--------|---------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Tampa    | Jan 26 | Chicago       | May | Minneapolis  | Oct |
| Houston  | Feb    | San Francisco | May | Charlotte    | TBD |
| Columbus | Apr    | Boston        | Jun | Philadelphia | TBD |
| New York | Apr    | Seattle       | Sep |              |     |

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## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

### **CMS Co-location Guidance Says Hospitals Can Share Services, Space**

However, the final draft may have introduced ambiguity around compliance and how surveyors may apply the requirements.

Source: *JD Supra, Becker's Hospital Review, Fierce Healthcare*

### **The Less-Discussed Consequence of Healthcare's Labor Shortage**

The healthcare industry may be starting to see the impact of staffing shortages on patient care.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

### **UCSF Hospitals Nationally Recognized with 'A' Leapfrog Safety Grades**

UCSF Health hospitals at Mission Bay and Parnassus Heights have received an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for fall 2021, a national distinction that signifies excellence in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospitals.

Source: *UCSF*

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## **ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Healthcare Systems Pledge Action Against Climate Change**

More than 50 nations have signed a commitment to reduce carbon footprint of hospitals and clinics.

Source: *World Health Organization, New York Times, Boston25 News*

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### INNOVATION

#### Intermountain to Deliver Prescriptions, Medical Supplies by Drone

Global logistics company Zipline announced a first-of-its-kind partnership with Intermountain Healthcare to deliver prescriptions and medical supplies to patients in the Salt Lake City metro area.

Source: *Intermountain Healthcare*

### BUILDING, BUYING, SELLING

#### UPMC Plans Three New Hospitals

The University of Pittsburgh has unveiled designs for \$2 billion investment in three specialty hospitals.

Source: *UPMC, Pittsburgh Business Times, University Times*

#### Inova Health Anchors Mall Redevelopment with \$1B Hospital Campus

In addition to the hospital and MOB, plans call for affordable workforce housing, co-location with civic facilities, parks and public spaces, and a transit hub.

Source: *REBusiness Online*

#### Queen's Medical Center Plans \$1B Campus Modernization

The level 1 trauma center and safety-net facility in Hawaii is planning a 15-year campus modernization project.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

## **HCA Healthcare to Build New Hospitals in Florida**

HCA announced plans to better serve growing populations in Florida with three new acute care hospitals. Construction is slated to begin next year.

Source: *NASDAQ, Zacks Equity Research, HCA Healthcare*

## **Tenet to Acquire 92 Ambulatory Surgery Centers for \$1.2 Billion**

This acquisition from SurgCenter Development builds on Tenet subsidiary United Surgical Partners' International position as a leading ambulatory surgery platform.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare, Modern Healthcare*

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## **KeyBank, Welltower Launch \$750M Health Care Real Estate Fund**

The unitranche loan program will provide first mortgage financing on seniors housing and skilled nursing facilities.

Source: *Skilled Nursing News, GlobeSt.com*

## **Ventas Acquires \$58M Behavioral Health Facility Near Dallas**

The purchase of the 101,608-square-foot property in Plano, Texas, represents the REIT's first investment in an inpatient behavioral health facility.

Source: *Cushman & Wakefield*

## **Multiplying Impact: Dallas' New State Psychiatric Hospital**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and UT Southwestern Medical Center is building the first state psychiatric hospital in the region.

Source: *D Magazine*

## **California Rural Hospital Saved**

Facing closure, Watsonville Community Hospital reached a preliminary agreement to sell to a community health trust, Pajaro Valley Healthcare District Project.

Source: *California News Times*

## **Can the Hospitals' New Owner Save These Facilities?**

Pennsylvania's Jennersville and Brandywine Hospitals will remain open under a new owner. Can buyer Canyon Atlantic Partners LLC make these hospitals financially stable?

Source: *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

## **Kaufman Hall Acquires Healthcare Real Estate Company**

Consulting firm Kaufman Hall has acquired national advisory firm Healthcare Real Estate Capital, enabling Kaufman to advise health systems on their real estate strategies.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

## **4 Things to Watch in Outpatient Care**

XL Construction's senior VP, Healthcare sees a shift coming in what and how healthcare facilities are building, and it's all about getting more patients seen more efficiently.

Source: *Medical Construction + Design*

## **Why Medical Practices are Buying Buildings Instead of Leasing**

Sean Kelly, senior director of investment sales at Ariel Property Advisors sees a move toward more owner-occupied space, especially among smaller businesses like medical practices.

Source: *Commercial Observer*

## **CVS Health Plans 900 Store Closures as Retail Strategy Shifts Digital**

Could competition with pharmacy-based medical care be coming to an end?

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

## **\$400M UAB Hospital Begins Construction**

The Birmingham area is getting a new state-of-the-art medical facility in 2024 through Medical West Hospital Authority, an affiliate of the UAB Health System.

Source: *BHAMNow.com*

## **CenterSquare Invests \$35 million in Flagship Healthcare Trust**

The global real assets manager announced a \$35 million equity investment in Flagship, a Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic focused medical office private REIT with over 2 million square feet of office space and 75 properties.

Source: *CenterSquare Investment*

## **Outside the [Big] Box Tips for Filling Empty Retail Space**

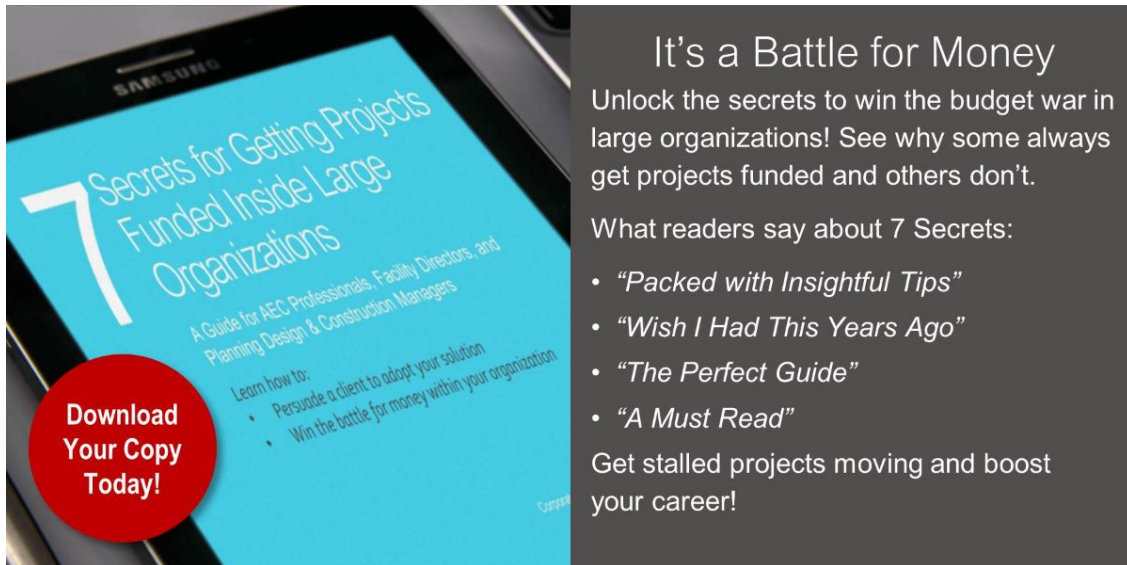
Non-traditional tenants like medical office uses are jumping at the opportunity to be in prime locations. Here's how to make it work.

Source: [REBusinessOnline](#)

## Mount Sinai Turns Parking Garage into Medical Facility

To accommodate growth in its multi-specialty medical practice, Mount Sinai sought to open a new outpatient facility in Manhattan's Upper East Side. A former parking garage one subway stop away from its main campus proved to be an ideal location.

Source: [Medical Construction + Design](#)



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### Minnesota Must Lift Its Hospital Moratorium

Minnesota's hospital moratorium replaced similar "Certificate of Need" laws in 1984. Has it contributed to health inequities in the state?

Source: [Grand Rapids Herald Review](#)

## MORE TO EXPLORE

- California Health Care Foundation Study Finds Health Care Markets in California Approaching Monopoly Levels – [California Health Care Foundation](#)
- How Healthcare Can Use Technology to Achieve Quadruple Aim – [Forbes](#)
- Does vertical integration improve or imperil US healthcare? – [HealthCareBusiness News](#)

- Green Globes for New Construction 2021 Achieves Approval as American National Standard – [Medical Construction + Design](#)
- New Standards Address Modular Construction – [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Hospital Outpatient & Medical Office Building Summits**

Hosted by SquareFootage.net and AMFP

January 26, 2022 - Tampa, FL

### **The Financial Health of Metro NYC Healthcare Systems and the Impact on Capital Planning**

Hosted by AMFP NYC

February 17, 2022 - Online

### **Revista Medical Real Estate Investment Forum**

Hosted by Revista

March 02-04, 2022 - Coronado, CA

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