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What You Need to Know Now

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

What's Driving Urban Hospital Closures? 6 GAO Findings

Urban hospitals have faced mounting pressures in recent years, with closures outpacing new openings from 2019 to 2023, according to a recent report from the Government Accountability Office. The GAO reviewed five urban hospitals that closed in 2022 and 2023 to better understand the challenges leading to their shutdowns.

Becker's Hospital Review, The Advisory Board, Government Accountability Office

Foreign Capital is Returning to HRE

As medical outpatient building sales start to pick up in the second half of 2025 and into 2026 – which many healthcare real estate professionals are predicting – a certain type of buyer looks to be getting more involved: foreign capital.

HREI

Health Systems Scramble to Discharge Hospital-at-Home Patients

Health systems have had to scramble to discharge or move their hospital-at-home patients as CMS reimbursement for the program lapsed with the federal government shutdown. Healthcare organizations approved for the CMS waiver to provide acute hospital care at home had to discharge or transfer those Medicare beneficiaries to the hospital by midnight Oct. 1, sending many patients back to capacity-strained facilities.

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Health Systems Report Multimillion-Dollar Returns from AI

Chapel Hill, N.C.-based UNC Health has reported measurable returns from several Al applications including Al-powered clinical documentation using ambient scribing, Al-driven infusion scheduling, and Al-enhanced nursing leadership.

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SAFETY & SECURITY

Healthcare Security Tech Shifts from Passive to Proactive

Healthcare facilities have been tasked with balancing open, inviting environments with the need for robust security. However, with workplace violence and active shooter incidents on the rise, facilities managers are looking more closely at technologies such as CCTV and weapons detection systems.

Healthcare Facilities Today

ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Energy as a Service: Rethinking Deferred Capital Renewal

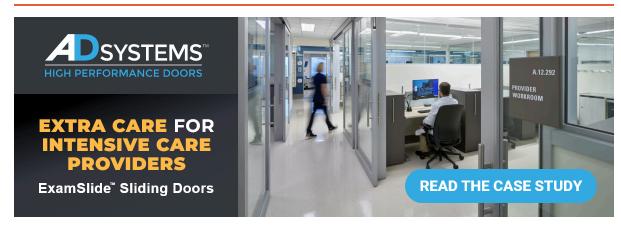
EaaS converts necessary facility upgrades from capital liabilities to strategic investments by financing them through guaranteed utility savings.

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Paving a Path to Sustainable Energy

Providence St. Peter Hospital case study examines the feasibility of electrifying the heating system in an existing hospital.

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NORTHEAST

Mass General Gets \$100M for New Care Tower

Boston-based Massachusetts General Hospital, part of Sommerville, Mass.-based Mass General Brigham, has received a \$100 million gift from the New Balance Foundation to support construction of a new care tower. The tower will house heart and vascular care.

Becker's Hospital Review

Hartford HealthCare Makes \$86M Bid to Buy Two Connecticut Hospitals

Hartford HealthCare is making a bid to purchase two Connecticut hospitals owned by Prospect Medical Holdings: Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital.

Chief Healthcare Executive, CT Mirror, Becker's Hospital Review

Hudson Regional Reveals \$75M-Plus Plan for 4 Hospitals

Secaucus, N.J.-based Hudson Regional Health has revealed its \$75 million to \$100 million plan for its four rebranded hospitals, which are going through service, technology and infrastructure upgrades. The four-hospital system was created as the last part of CarePoint Health System's bankruptcy exit.

Becker's Hospital Review, Healthcare Facilities Today

Former Steward Hospitals, New Owner Rebrand Under Single System

Lawrence (Mass.) General Hospital and its two Holy Family Hospitals in Haverhill, Mass., and Methuen, Mass., respectively, have rebranded and now operate as a single system, Merrimack Health, based in Haverhill.

Becker's Hospital Review

UConn Health, School Officials Approve \$13M Bid to Acquire Waterbury Hospital

The University of Connecticut's Board of Trustees and UConn Health Board of Directors have voted to approve submitting a \$13 million bid to acquire Waterbury Hospital.

Hartford Business Journal

Dartmouth Health to Add Another Hospital

Dartmouth Health is poised to add another rural hospital to the academic health system: Littleton Regional Healthcare, a 25-bed critical access hospital in western New Hampshire.

Chief Healthcare Executive, NHPR

RWJBarnabas Opens New ASC

West Orange, N.J.-based RWJBarnabas Health has opened a new ASC in Old Bridge, N.J. The multispecialty ASC spans 72,000-square-feet.

Becker's ASC Review, NJBiz

WMCHealth to Fully Acquire 3 Hospitals as 10-Year JV Ends

Valhalla, N.Y.-based Westchester Medical Center Health Network and Cincinnati-based Bon Secours Mercy Health have agreed to end their joint venture partnership involving Bon Secours Charity Health System. Under the agreement, WMCHealth will assume full ownership and operational control of multiple nursing home facilities and three Bon Secours Mercy Health hospitals in New York.

Becker's Hospital Review

"Aggressive Growth Mentality" Will See Northwell Health through

Looming Headwinds, CEO Says

Northwell Health will fend off the inflationary and reimbursement headwinds facing healthcare providers by pairing operational discipline with an "aggressive growth mentality," John D'Angelo, M.D., told Fierce Healthcare as he steps into a new role as the nonprofit's CEO.

Fierce Healthcare

VIRGINIA

Stockdale Capital Partners Acquires Fairfax, Va., Medical Campus

Los Angeles-based real estate investment firm Stockdale Capital Partners acquired the Willow Oaks medical campus in Fairfax, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Willow Oaks is a 401,000 square-foot, two-building medical campus adjacent to the Inova headquarters and hospital.

HREI

Centra Breaks Ground on Major Hospital Expansion

Centra Health broke ground on a new six-story tower that will expand the existing Lynchburg General Hospital in Lynchburg, Va. The tower will include a new emergency department with over 70 treatment spaces.

WDBJ7, NBC 10

Medically Underserved Virginia Community Expects New Hospital to Open Early 2026

Smithfield, Va., neighbors who have waited decades for nearby medical care will finally get relief when the new Riverside Smithfield Hospital opens in January.

WKTR

Bon Secours, Compass Surgical to Open Virginia ASC

Bon Secours Mercy Health, Compass Surgical Partners and local physicians have opened an orthopedic ASC in Newport News, Va. The 20,000-square-foot Coastal Virginia Surgery Center features four operating rooms and will offer total joint replacements, orthopedic procedures for the upper and lower extremities, as well as spine and pain management services.

Becker's ASC Review

CAROLINAS

Work Starts on Indian Land's New \$300M Hospital Complex

Charleston, S.C.-based MUSC Health has broken ground on a \$300 million hospital and medical office pavilion in Indian Land, S.C. The development spans 84 acres, with 28 acres currently under construction. A 62,000-square-foot medical office building is scheduled to open in 2026.

The Herald, The Post and Courier, Becker's Hospital Review, Queen City News

Wake Tech Holds Groundbreaking for New Simulation Hospital

Wake Tech in Raleigh, N.C., held a groundbreaking for its new Simulation Hospital, which officials believe will enhance training for students. The Simulation Hospital will be a three-story, 100,000-square-foot building, marking the first expansion of the Perry Health Sciences campus in more than a decade.

Siemens Healthineers Opens First U.S. "Experience Center" in Charlotte

The 60,000-square-foot facility in The Pearl innovation district in Charlotte, N.C., is designed as a collaborative, hands-on space for healthcare professionals, researchers, and strategic partners. It showcases Siemens' latest technologies across imaging, diagnostics, cancer care, and advanced therapies.

DOTmed

FLORIDA

Memorial Regional Hospital Embarks on \$670M Expansion Project

Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida is embarking on a \$670 million surgical and patient bed tower project. When complete, the new tower will feature advanced imaging technology and 150 acuity-adaptable beds.

Medical Construction & Design

Cleveland Clinic to Buy WPB Hospital Site, Raises \$100M for Facility

Cleveland Clinic has signed a contract to buy an office property in West Palm Beach, Fla., that will be home to a new 150-bed hospital for the Ohio-based healthcare provider.

The Palm Beach Post

Baptist Health Receives \$13M permit for Medical Campus at Seven Pines

Jacksonville, Fla., issued a permit Sept 22 for a two-story, 52,600-square-foot shell building for Baptist HealthPlace at Seven Pines at a project cost of \$13 million.

Jacksonville Daily Record

FSU, Tallahassee Memorial Strike Deal to Launch Academic Medical Center

Tallahassee-based Florida State University and Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare have struck an agreement that will transform the hospital into an academic medical center. Tallahassee Memorial will remain the licensed operator of the hospital.

Becker's Hospital Review

MIDWEST

Regional One Health Names Team to Lead \$1B Hospital Build

Memphis, Tenn.-based Regional One Health is moving forward with its planned \$900 million hospital project. The new facility will include a patient bed tower, expanded emergency department, post-acute services, oncology, trauma and burn, women and infants, and modernized ancillary service suites.

Becker's Hospital Review, WREG News, Commercial Appeal

First look: Vanderbilt University Hospital's \$500M Tower Expansion

Vanderbilt University Hospital's Jim Ayers Tower, a \$500 million project, will open its first floor to patients Oct. 1 with plans to keep adding floors and services as part of the hospital's largest-ever expansion.

Berkeley Medical Center Breaks Ground for \$260M Hospital Expansion

West Virginia University Medicine Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va., broke ground on its new patient tower. This investment will add 135 private rooms for a total of 325, allowing the hospital to provide care for more patients.

The Journal

HSHS Hospital to Open Outpatient Center as Part of Campus Expansion

HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital is investing \$116 million to expand its campus in O'Fallon, III. Construction of a new three-story, 70,000-square-foot outpatient surgery center, diagnostic imaging center and medical office building is underway.

Becker's ASC Review, Belleville News-Democrat, Becker's Hospital Review

McLaren Greater Lansing to Open \$40M ER and Medical Building

McLaren Greater Lansing in Lansing, Mich., has opened its new \$40 million freestanding emergency department and medical office building.

WLNS

Barnes-Jewish Hospital to Open New Patient Care Tower

Plaza West Tower, the new 16-story patient care tower at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis is now welcoming patients. The new facility offers 224 private inpatient rooms and 56 private intensive care unit rooms.

Healthcare Facilities Today, WashU Medicine, Becker's Hospital Review

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Acquires Catalyst Medical Group

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho, is bringing Catalyst Medical Group into the SJRMC health system. The transition is expected to be completed in late 2025.

Healthcare Facilities Today, Becker's ASC Review

Indiana System Acquires 19th Hospital

Hopkinsville, Ky.-based Jennie Stuart Health has officially joined Evansville, Ind.-based Deaconess Health System, becoming the 19th hospital in the system's network.

Becker's Hospital Review

St. Elizabeth Physicians Open New Facility in Richwood, Ky.

St. Elizabeth Physicians celebrated the grand opening of its newest facility in Richwood, Ky., on September 30. This 33,000 sq. ft. medical office building represents a \$15 million investment in Boone County, Ky., and surrounding communities.

Northern Kentucky Tribune

Lurie Children's Opens 75K-Square-Foot Outpatient Center

Lurie Children's Hospital has cut the ribbon on a 75,000-square-foot outpatient center in Schaumburg, III. The facility consolidates former locations in Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates and Huntley, III., into one center.

Becker's ASC Review, CBS News

UnityPoint, Children's Nebraska Open Cardiology Clinic

UnityPoint Health – Blank Children's Hospital has partnered with Children's Nebraska's Criss

Heart Center to open a new pediatric cardiology clinic on the Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Blank Children's Hospital campus in Des Moines, Iowa.

Becker's ASC Review

Construction Begins on St. Mary's Hospital "Transformation Project"

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay, Wis., has released updated architectural renderings for its upcoming campus transformation, which includes the addition of a new tower that will allow St. Mary's to add more beds and provide more inpatient care.

Press Times

• OHIO

Ohio State Christens \$2B Tower "University Hospital"

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus has named its new nearly \$2 billion hospital tower University Hospital. The 1.9 million-square-foot inpatient tower is expected to open in February.

Becker's Hospital Review, The Columbus Dispatch

UPMC in Talks to Acquire 3 Ohio Hospitals

Pittsburgh-based UPMC is negotiating to acquire three Ohio hospitals. UPMC's first Ohio hospitals would include Trinity Center West in Steubenville, Trinity Hospital Twin City in Dennison, and St. Clairsville Neighborhood Hospital.

Becker's Hospital Review, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Morning Journal, WTOV, Herald-Star

Cleveland Clinic Sells Outpatient Property for \$8M

Cleveland Clinic sold its outpatient facility in Mansfield, Ohio, to FG MC II Mansfield for \$8.1 million. The transaction is part of the health system's strategy to transition outpatient sites from ownership to long-term leasing, aimed at reducing expenses and generating capital for facility updates and other projects.

Becker's ASC Review, Richland Source

Ground Broken on OhioHealth Hall at Columbus State Community College

Hammes joined leaders from Columbus State Community College for the groundbreaking of OhioHealth Hall in Columbus, Ohio. This new 80,000-square-foot academic building will double the number of graduates in critical, in-demand fields over the next decade.

Healthcare Facilities Today

TEXAS

Texas Hospital to Reopen After Nearly 2 Years

St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange, Texas, which closed in October 2023 due to financial challenges, will reopen under a new name and owner. Oxford, Miss.-based Progressive Health Group acquired the hospital and plans to reopen it as Progressive Health of Fayette.

Becker's Hospital Review

Woodside Health and Heitman Acquire Texas Medical Office Building

Woodside Health and Heitman have jointly acquired the Sugar Land Physicians Center, a three-

story medical office building in Sugar Land, Texas, from Money360, a national bank. **CoStar, REBusiness Online**

Montecito Medical Buys Texas ASC Property

Healthcare real estate company Montecito Medical has purchased a 23,000-square-foot medical office building in Midland, Texas. The property is fully occupied and includes Midland Ambulatory Surgery Center and Midland Imaging Center, the city's only freestanding imaging facility.

Becker's ASC Review, Commercial Search

Harris Health to Use Eminent Domain to Acquire Land for Hospital Expansion

The board of trustees for Harris Health in Harris County, Texas, unanimously adopted a resolution directing the system to pursue the acquisition of Hermann Park land for an expansion of Ben Taub Hospital. Notably, the resolution directs Harris Health to use eminent domain powers to complete the land acquisition.

KHOU-11

SOUTHWEST

CCMH to Buy SWMC and Operate as Memorial Health System of SW Oklahoma

Lawton, Okla.-based Comanche County Memorial Hospital's is in the process of acquiring Southwestern Medical Center. The combined organization will be called Memorial Health System of Southwest Oklahoma to reflect the evolution into a unified regional healthcare system.

Southwest Ledger, Healthcare Facilities Today, Becker's Hospital Review, The Lawton Constitution

UNM Hospital Opens Critical Care Tower Facility

University of New Mexico (UNM) Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., has officially opened the 570,000-square-foot Critical Care Tower (CCT) ahead of its first patient admissions. The tower has an expanded adult emergency department, equipped with 68 beds, and increases the total number of intensive care beds across the facility to 96.

Hospital Management

100K-Square-Foot MOB Planned at Chandler Regional Medical Center

The Chandler Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of a preliminary development plan for a proposed new 100.2KSF medical office building on 2.7 acres at CommonSpirit Health's Chandler Regional Medical Center.

AZBEX

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Medical Office Market Stands Out

With San Francisco's office market improving from the challenges faced during the pandemic, the local medical office sector has outperformed the sector with lower vacancy rates and increasing demand from healthcare providers.

Rethink Healthcare Real Estate

Amgen to Build \$600M Innovation Hub in California

Amgen, a biotechnology company founded more than 45 years ago in Thousand Oaks, Calif., will invest more than \$600 million to construct a new science and innovation center at its headquarters. The facility will unite researchers, engineers, and scientists across multiple disciplines to accelerate the development of new therapies.

The Healthcare Technology Report

Scripps Health to Expand in Northern San Diego County

Residents in northern San Diego County can expect broader access to health care in the coming years as Scripps Health plans to build a new medical center campus in San Marcos. The northern region facilities plan includes adding a third tower to Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla and a new campus in San Marcos.

Fox 5 San Diego

Providence, Compassus Grow Home Health Joint Venture

Renton, Wash.-based Providence and Compassus have expanded their joint venture to provide home health, hospice, palliative and personal care services in California, creating a network of 19 locations across the state. The new entity will operate as Providence at Home with Compassus.

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PEOPLE MOVES

- Nick Barto is now serving as president and CEO of BJC Health System, based in St. Louis. He succeeds the retiring Rich Liekweg, who has led BJC Health System since 2018.
- Duluth, Minn.-based Essentia Health has named **Mark Bortnem** as CFO. He previously served at Rochester, Minn.-based Mayo Clinic.
- **Anne Baum**, the inaugural president of Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital in Allentown, Pa., will step down from her role Oct. 31.

- As of Oct. 1, **John D'Angelo**, M.D., is the new CEO of Northwell Health. The physician-executive succeeded longtime President and CEO **Michael Dowling**.
- **Sunny Eappen**, MD, president and CEO of Vermont University Health Network in Burlington, will step down from his current role. **Steve Leffler**, MD, will serve as interim CEO in addition to his current duties as president and COO of University of Vermont Medical Center, which operates within the UVM Health Network.
- Architecture and engineering firm **Goodwyn Mills Cawood** has expanded its healthcare expertise through the strategic acquisition of **Cassetty Architects** in Nashville, Tenn.
- **Abner King** is stepping down as CEO of Grangeville, Idaho-based Syringa Hospital and Clinics after serving in the role for seven years. CFO **David Applewood** will serve as interim CEO.
- Cleveland-based University Hospitals has appointed **Kipum Lee**, PhD, as president of UH Ventures to focus on revenue growth, early-stage capital deployment, and advancing the system's innovation strategy. He succeeds **David Sylvan**, who will continue to serve as the health system's chief strategy, innovation and marketing officer.
- **Hal Leftwich**, CEO of Big South Fork Medical Center in Oneida, Tenn., died Sept. 16 at age 69.
- Jacksonville, Fla.-based Baptist Health President and CEO **Michael Mayo** will retire in December 2026 after more than 32 years in healthcare.
- **Robert Ritz**, president and CEO of Des Moines, Iowa-based MercyOne, will retire Jan. 2, 2026.
- **Corazon Roush**, AIA, AICP, LSSYB, has been hired as medical planning director in architecture firm Taylor Design's San Diego office.

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IFHE World Congress Delivers Global Perspective on Healthcare's Biggest Facilities Challenges

Across the United States, healthcare facilities managers face similar challenges in shaping healthier, more operationally efficient, and more sustainable facilities. In October 2026, these leaders have a unique opportunity to meet with their peers from around the world to learn how leaders in other countries address these issues. The International Federation of Healthcare Engineering (IFHE) 29th World Congress and the Healthcare Design (HCD) Conference + Expo will co-locate in New Orleans October 17-20, 2026, for one of the most dynamic healthcare events ever held in the United States.

Healthcare Design Conference Facilities & Project Management Track

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