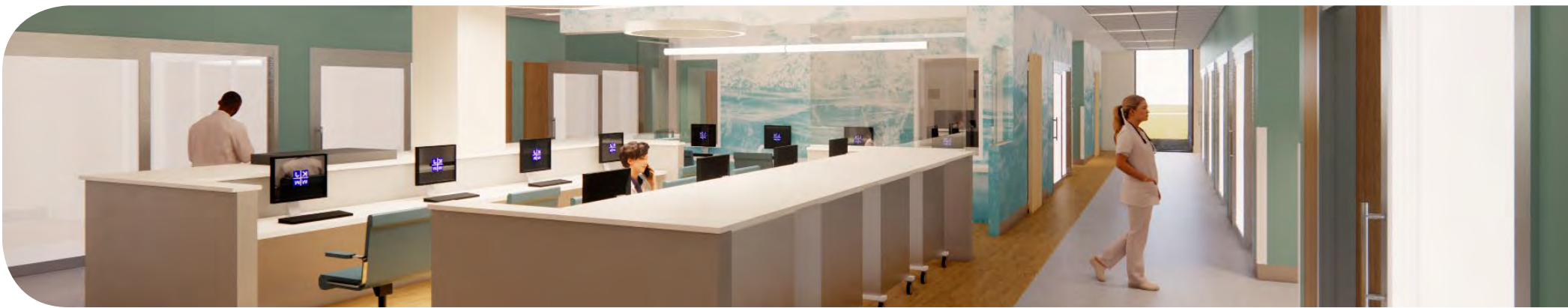


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A 1950s' hospital can no longer solve the 21st-century needs of our community.

Samaritan Healthcare was formed in 1947, giving Grant County Public Hospital District #1, a 75-year history of being a community hospital—owned and governed by local citizens.

As the area continued to grow, the hospital board of commissioners agreed to construct a new hospital on Samaritan's current site and it opened in 1955. Over the years, Samaritan Healthcare has deliberately chosen to keep our healthcare local—providing care and services tailored to meet the unique needs of our communities.

Today, Moses Lake and the surrounding area continue to grow, both in population, as well as in various industries and the services offered to our residents. In responses to surveys in 2016 and 2018, Grant County residents identified the top four needs to improve the community healthcare experience:

- 1) More primary care and specialty providers.
- 2) Recruit and retain the best possible staff.
- 3) Modern and up-to-date facilities.
- 4) Reduce the need to travel outside the area for healthcare.

On-staff providers have grown by 300% over the last seven years, and we added seven new medical specialties: Allergy, Behavioral Health, Cardiology, Diabetes Care, Gastroenterology, Neurology, and Pain Management.

"We need to keep our healthcare local," said Commissioner Dale Paris, a member of the Board of Commissioners for Samaritan Healthcare. "To continue being able to better serve our patients in a timely manner, our staff needs space designed for the care they deliver. We must look ahead and provide a facility that is designed to meet the current and future needs of our community."

2022 at a glance

 **541**
full-time employees
714 
total employees

Since 2016

30% employee growth
300% provider growth
Seven new service lines



Realizing that a 1950s' hospital can no longer solve the 21st-century needs of our community—Samaritan commissioners and leadership began the process to pursue a replacement hospital in 2017. This led to securing USDA financing with a 2.25% low-interest loan that must be used by September 2026.

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While it was planned and feasible at the time to support the debt using hospital operations to build the new hospital, that is no longer possible due to COVID and the recent economic challenges. With feedback from various community forums, Samaritan's Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to ask district voters to provide financial support through a voted bond, in order to move forward with the construction of the new community hospital as planned.

Samaritan has officially filed to be on the upcoming April ballot to support the construction of our future hospital. A vote will be held on April 25th.

From 1947 to today, Samaritan Healthcare continues to take bold steps toward the future of medicine in our community. We believe local patients shouldn't have to travel for the healthcare they deserve and, above all, that healthcare should be accessible by all. 

Benefits of a future community hospital

- Keeps care local.
- New, first-in-class maternity care.
- Expands reliable local emergency care.
- Expands specialty and surgical care that stays local.
- Flexible, adaptable, and expansion-ready hospital and ICU rooms.



Hospital News



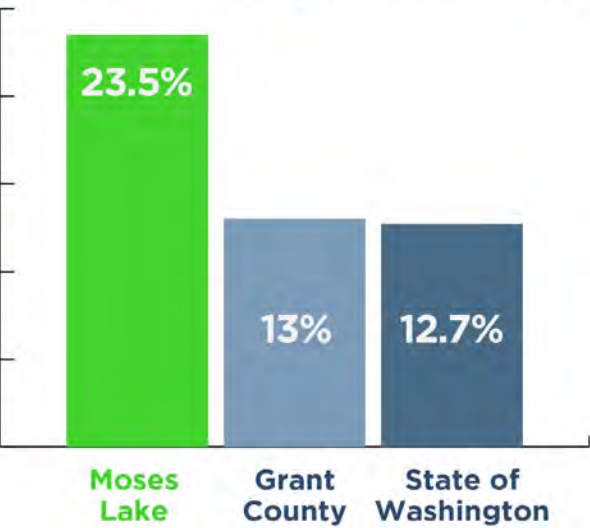
Expand reliable, local, emergency care.

The future hospital will expand the emergency department (ED) to serve our rapidly growing community, and will continue to provide specialty care to patients from Moses Lake, Warden, and Ruff.


Since 2010, Moses Lake's population has grown 80% faster than Grant County and 85% faster than Washington State overall. Samaritan Hospital's ED has 9 beds and had 24,310 visits in 2022. The American College of Emergency Services recommends that an ED with 20,000 visits annually should have a minimum of 15 beds.

Presently, Samaritan's ED is operating at 200% above the recommended capacity. No new rooms have been added to the ED since 1975. (A 2016 project added three Quick Care rooms, but those rooms are for lower-level care, not emergency-level care.) The new hospital will bring the ED to a minimum of 15 beds with capacity to expand.

2010 to 2020 Population Growth



Dr. Matthew Lockwood, Medical Director of Samaritan Healthcare's Emergency Department.

"A future community hospital shows that Samaritan is committed to the health of our residents. The ED is overcrowded more often than not and the lack of space is the biggest barrier. On days where there are a lot of patients and the ED is overcrowded it is more complicated, but we rise to the challenge," said Rebecca Suarez, RN, Director of Emergency Services at Samaritan Healthcare. "Staff are more efficient when given adequate work space, patients are placed in appropriate care areas, such as flex care, trauma room, or a main ED bed, plus the patient experience is greatly improved." 

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Expanded specialty and surgical care that stays local.

With our Samaritan and other community-based surgeons on our medical staff, plus the various surgical specialties that they represent—ENT, general surgery, gastroenterology, OB/GYN, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, pain management, podiatry, and urology—the current OR space is operating beyond capacity. Plus, with advancements in surgical technology, tools such as robotics require additional space needed to operate.

“In the current hospital, two of the four existing operating rooms are very small,” said M. Lyndon Dieter, MD, Perioperative Medical Director/Anesthesiologist of Samaritan Healthcare Hospital. “Even in the larger operating rooms, space is at a premium. There needs to be sufficient space for personnel, plus room to maneuver the patient.”

In the existing OR, only one surgery room has the space needed to accommodate robotic-assisted technology. This creates a scheduling conflict when surgeons need the same room for procedures that require more equipment and space. In the new hospital, all the operating rooms will have the space for robotic-assisted technology, thus providing more capacity.

Learn more about the future hospital plans at SamaritanHealthcare.com 




From Left to Right: M. Lyndon Dieter, MD, Lisa McWilliams, and Andrea Carter, MD



Infusions, Pre/Post patient room

New, first-in-class, modern maternity care.

The need to update the Mother and Baby Unit is also being addressed within the design of the future community hospital by constructing a maternity unit with the capability of serving more than 1,000 annual births. Each room is labor/delivery/recovery/postpartum (LDRP), which means when a mother checks into a room, her entire birthing experience will be within her own private birthing room until she checks out. There will also be the capacity to provide an advanced nursery with a higher level of care for higher-risk births. This allows mothers and babies who need this care to stay close to home and their families in the early weeks of life.

“We are looking forward to having one dedicated LDRP room for each mother,” said Tammy Fisk, RN, Labor and Delivery at Samaritan Healthcare. “A mother in labor will check into one room and stay there throughout her stay. This is more comfortable for the mother and baby, and saves on staff time, resources, and supplies, due to not having to constantly move patients.” 

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Tammy Fisk, Labor and Delivery RN at Samaritan Healthcare.

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Flexible, adaptable, and expansion-ready hospital and ICU rooms.

Since the last major addition/renovation to Samaritan Hospital was more than 20 years ago, the delivery of healthcare has changed—including requiring more room for patients, equipment for medical/technology needs within patient rooms, supplies, and more.

Private patient/hospital rooms and ICU rooms will be located on the same floor in order to be flexible and adaptable. When needed, an ICU room can become a hospital room and a hospital room can become an ICU room. The room sizes are larger to allow space for technology. Patient rooms also have space for family to stay overnight when conditions allow.

“In addition, while the existing hospital is clean, visually appealing, and appears functional, the mechanical components of the current facility—boilers, chillers, HVAC, generators, etc., are at their maximum capacity,” said Theresa Sullivan, CEO, Samaritan Healthcare. “The mechanical aspects are at the end of useful life, with no capacity for expansion. New equipment is a responsible investment in our operational efficiency.”

The future hospital will include up-to-date and energy-efficient equipment, plus the ability to expand to 10 additional hospital rooms as our community grows. This would allow our future community hospital to operate at a reduced cost when compared to our current hospital, while meeting the needs of your family through your healthcare experience.



Medical/surgery patient room



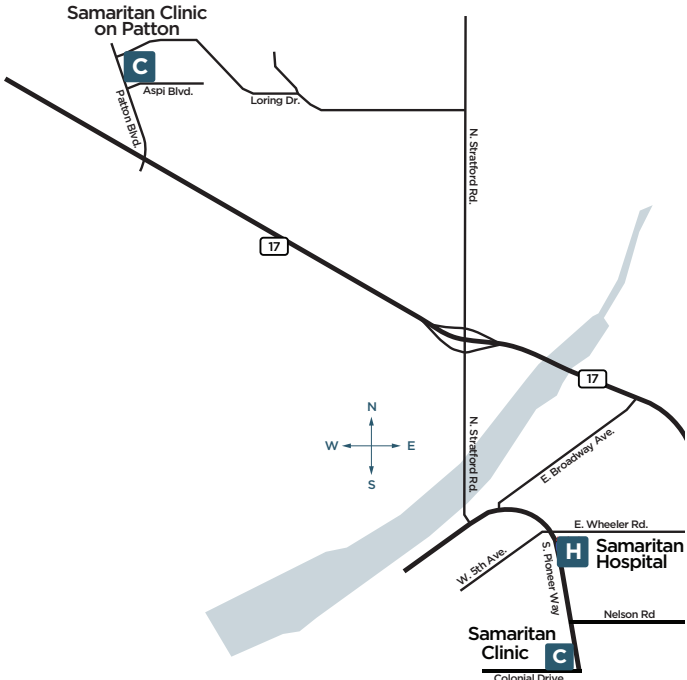
Dr. Leo Chough, orthopaedic surgeon, has a wealth of expertise.

Leo Chough, MD, is Samaritan’s on-staff orthopaedic surgeon and he has a wealth of surgical expertise in arthroscopy/minimally invasive surgery and joint replacement. He also specializes in the anterior hip procedure—a muscle-sparing surgical technique leading to more-rapid recoveries—as well as total knee replacements using our new VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution, which utilizes highly accurate technology tailored to the anatomy of each patient’s knee.

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