



HEALTH CARE



Wise Regional Health System



Wise Regional Health System was established in 1973 by the city of Decatur as a Hospital Authority. WRHS does not receive any tax revenues. All activities are supported by hospital operations and donations from the public.

The hospital was opened with 34,000 square feet, 50 beds, 2 operating rooms and an emergency room. In 1995 and 1997, two separate expansions increased WRHS to approximately 80,000 square feet, 69 beds and a host of new and expanded services. In 2000, the Wise Regional Health System East Campus was completed, adding a new wellness facility, a new therapy and rehabilitation facility, physician offices, a cardiac catheterization lab and imaging services. In 2003 the originally shelled third floor of the new East Campus was finished out into one of the most technologically advanced inpatient/outpatient surgical facilities in the state. Hosting seven fully digitized operating rooms and spacious patient rooms, this floor is a national demonstration site for the companies who produced the technology housed within it. In July of 2004, WRHS completed a highly advanced outpatient imaging center which contains equipment that exceeds the cost of the building! The highlight is a new 16-slice CT scanner which represents the very latest imaging quality that is available. We also opened a fantastic new dialysis center for the treatment of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). With all of this growth, the hospital currently contains 85 beds and operates in 5 different buildings.

A few years ago, the hospital began the planning for a new replacement hospital facility which would adjoin the East Campus building that was completed in 2000. Currently, the hospital is building this grand addition. The 5-story structure will add 160,000 square feet and 99 new patient beds. It will offer expanded cardiac services, new surgical suites and a larger, revolutionary new emergency room concept. The cost of this facility, with equipment is over \$54 million. Upon completion in 2006, the West Campus will be converted to a variety of new services, including expanded dialysis, inpatient geriatric psychiatry and long-term rehabilitation.

We pride ourselves on providing very personalized care in an advanced setting. We are often told by our patients that the care they receive here is far friendlier than what they have found elsewhere. We are carefully recruiting high quality physicians to continuously expand our services. In fact, we are recruiting an average of 10 new physicians per year for the foreseeable future! It is through the volunteer efforts and great leadership of a board of directors who live among the citizens of our service area that great strides are being made to deliver family focused, comprehensive primary and specialty care services. Our goal is to provide you with as many high quality services as possible, so that you will no longer have to make a long drive for healthcare services.

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(685 employees now – expected to double within the next 5 years)