



Emergency Department Renovation

at Yampa Valley Medical Center

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Dear Friends,

Many of you already know of the legacy of Yampa Valley Medical Center (YVMC), which began a little more than a century ago thanks to the tireless commitment of a few local physicians. It is told they validated the urgent need for a hospital by saying, "...in only this one thing do we believe we have not kept up with the world."

How revolutionary they were then, as the commitment for staying ahead of the health care curve, for remaining current with the latest equipment, technology, and methods, has been a hallmark of YVMC since its inception.

Another characteristic bonding generations has been the unflagging generosity and vigorous determination of boards, administration and a litany of volunteers. It is worth noting that one of the hospital's founding physicians, Dr. Frederick Ewing Willett (Doc Willett) was an early trailblazer for the hospital and his leadership featured a heavy dose of philanthropy and dedication. Our foundational strength has persisted. And it was underscored by the recent partnership developed between YVMC and UCHealth, ensuring the quality and advancement of future healthcare for all who share this spectacular community.

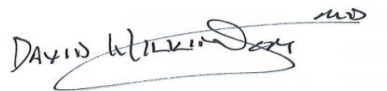
We are now on the cusp of another step forward in the continuing enhancement of our hospital. While the Emergency Department consistently ranks in the highest of patient satisfiers, it is time to address a renovation that will bring it forward to meet the standards of hospital emergency centers today.

On the following pages, you will read about the opportunity to partner with your local hospital to support the ED renovation and modernization initiative. With ***The Leadership Phase for the Emergency Department Renovation at the Yampa Valley Medical Center*** we are confident our many supporters will once again come together with businesses, foundations, corporations and other sources to create a philanthropic partnership of significant proportion. In so doing, they will join with us in creating a new era of emergency care for those we serve.

Sincerely,



Laura Sehnert, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chief Medical Officer,
UCHealth YVMC



Dr. David Wilkinson, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Medical Director,
Emergency Services
UCHealth YVMC



Testimonials of Support

“The Emergency Department is the front door to our hospital. Half of the people treated here are eventually admitted. It is vital we modernize our space to mirror the standard of care both in the ED and throughout the hospital. We owe that to the families we’ve served for generations. When completed, it will be a jewel in our crown, a place of pride for everyone associated with YVMC”

*Laura A. Sehnert, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chief Medical Officer
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center*

*Larry Bookman, MD
Retired Emergency Medicine Physician
Former Director of Emergency Services,
Routt Memorial Hospital
Former Chief Medical Officer,
Yampa Valley Medical Center*

“When the hospital was being built to replace the old Routt Memorial Hospital downtown, it gave us the opportunity to design the emergency department as it currently exists. We used our experiences working in many different EDs and combined it with the unique needs that providing care in a ski town created. I think those concepts served both the community, its visitors and the staff well for 20 years. As with everything, times change, which requires adaptation to new needs and advances in knowledge and technology. The time has come for a re-design of the ED to accommodate those changes. I am happy to see the extent of planning and expertise being employed to create the ED of the future for YVMC”

“As you well know, access to a high-level Emergency Department is crucial for citizens living in rural areas and can often be challenging, particularly here in Northwest Colorado where adverse weather conditions can make travel to larger cities more difficult. We are honored to contribute towards the modernization of our Emergency Department here in Steamboat Springs.”

*Sara Craig-Scheckman
Executive Director
Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation*

*Kelly Bookman, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Senior Medical Director for
UCHealth Emergency Services*

“It has been an honor to be a part of the incredible team designing the new emergency department at YVMC. As someone who has been engaged in many ED redesigns across Colorado and the rest of the country, I have been amazed at the dedication to detail that has gone into the current proposal – from operational flow and patient experience, to financial implications and much more. I am very excited to see this project through to its culmination in a state of the art ED that continues to deliver the highest quality care in the Yampa Valley.”

Yampa Valley Medical Center

More than 100 years ago in Steamboat Springs, a hospital was born. In its earliest incarnation, six physicians, one surgeon and one nurse came together to care for patients.

Today, Yampa Valley Medical Center (YVMC) is a 39-bed acute care hospital providing sophisticated medical services to more than 51,000 outpatients annually, along with expertly managing more than 8,000 emergency visits and 3,400 surgeries. YVMC is a non-profit, non-tax-supported community hospital that is dedicated to serving residents and visitors throughout northwest Colorado.

YVMC's historical commitment to the people of Routt County and beyond features several transformations through the years to meet contemporary healthcare needs and demand. The current hospital building opened in 1999. A \$13 million renovation and expansion project was completed in 2010 to create the Birth Center and surgical care space. The Gloria Gossard Center was developed four years later.

The medical center employs close to 600 people who work together to deliver the highest quality medical care with an excellent patient experience. Patients and visitors to the Yampa Valley have access to specialty care, including a Level III trauma center and a Level II special Care Nursery, as well as clinical services in women's care, heart and vascular care, cardiac rehabilitation, sports medicine rehabilitation and endocrinology. UCHHealth Jan Bishop Cancer Center provides a variety of advanced cancer care services administered by specially trained oncology-certified nurses and board-certified oncologists.

Beyond the attention to the latest and most advanced medicine, we are proud of the compassion with which our professionals provide care. A medical staff of nearly 100 physicians representing 32 specialties utilize the most current technologies and treatment advances, while never losing sight of the importance and dignity of each individual patient.

Re-Imagining our Emergency Department

Significant transformations in health care have occurred over the last decades. Privacy, efficiency, safety, and the provision of a superior healing environment has been emphasized at medical facilities across the country. In recent years, hospitals have been particularly diligent in the area of emergency services renovation and modernization, creating new spaces that vastly improve the experience for patients, family and care providers.

YVMC's Emergency Department opened when the hospital did, making it nearly 20 years old. It is the patient satisfaction component, and the unparalleled care provided in the ED as well as our Level III trauma center designation that continue to affirm YVMC as the leader in Emergency Care in the Northwest Colorado area. According to the American Trauma Society, YVMC's ED has demonstrated the ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care and stabilization of injured patients and emergency operations. The ED has 24/7 coverage by board-certified emergency medicine physicians and retains on-call specialists, including surgeons and anesthesiologists, among others, to deliver a multidisciplinary, team approach to care. Though the hospital boasts some of its best patient satisfaction scores from the emergency department, the treatment rooms and corridors are undersized, privacy is lacking and access is sometimes compromised.

Now is the time to bring our attention to the ED facilities. Together, along with the distinctive and respected care of its staff, YVMC can continue to provide its extraordinary patient care into the future.



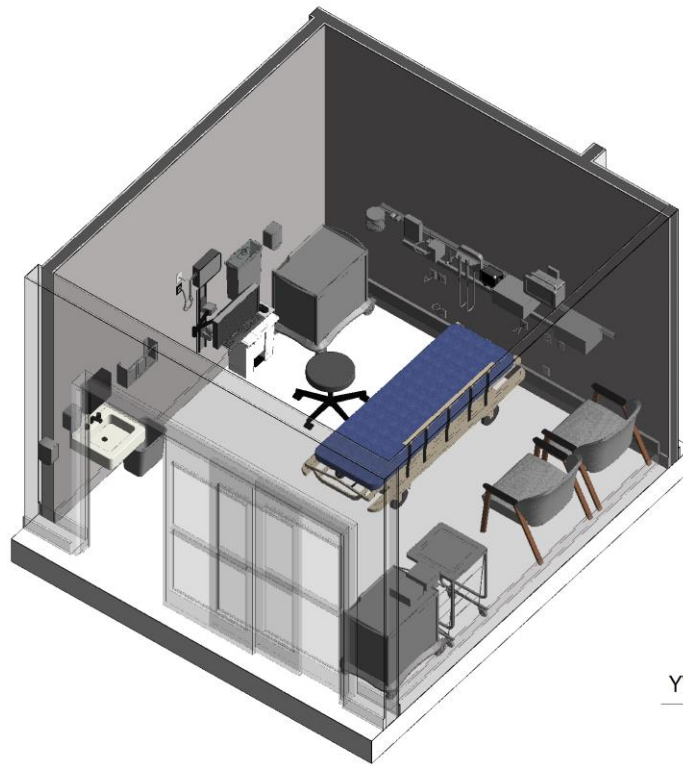
The modernized ED at YVMC will be a model of emergency services sophistication, designed for the comfort of today's patient and family, for the accommodation of contemporary technology and for the efficient of care provided by clinicians and staff, and for the most important benefit – enhanced outcomes.



Better Work Flow and Safety –Improved layout of the emergency department will provide an enormous advantage for patients and staff alike. There will be an open, centralized work core and immediate adjacency to CT, MRI and Radiology. Nurses will be better able to observe all patients, including those with behavioral health needs.

New Trauma Room – Among the many benefits will be a new technologically advanced trauma room for patients in critical situations.

Separate ambulance and walk-in entry – Improving access and flow for both ambulance and walk-in patients will result in less congestion and increased privacy.



YVMC Typical Treatment Room

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Additional space, comfort, convenience and flexibility – Each room will be spacious and private with sliding glass doors. Featured in each space will be embedded and wall-mounted medical equipment, telemedicine capability, and room for family and friends to be with the patient.

The ultimate goal of this project is to create an ED that is spacious, comforting, convenient, modern and medically sophisticated, all the while creating a healing environment. The intentional flexibility of the space will address shifting emergency services populations and care needs. The end result will be a better patient experience.

Our Enduring Partnership with the Community

YVMC has cultivated and sustained a unique partnership with the communities it services. As one of the largest employers in the area, YVMC plays a key role in the local economy, and positively impacts and health and well-being of the community. We are committed to keeping quality healthcare close to home.

There is no doubt that families choose to make Steamboat their home based on the incredible natural surroundings and variety of outdoor recreation. Another critical factor considered is the quality of the local healthcare. We have been told time and time again that our hospital's reputation for quality health care is another reason people choose to move to Steamboat. Our hospital is an incredible asset to this community.

In renovating the Emergency Department, YVMC once again provides something invaluable to patients in the area: **continued access to the most modern and distinguished emergency care in a setting that assures a healing environment of unsurpassed quality.**

The Yampa Valley Medical Center Foundation is creating an opportunity for you to partner with our local hospital with the objective of raising as much as we feasibly can toward the anticipated cost of up to \$10 million. The success of **The Leadership Phase for the Emergency Department Renovation at the Yampa Valley Medical Center** will ultimately depend upon the generosity and commitment of all who see the extraordinary value of investing in their community hospital and the thousands of patients served.