The steady pace of construction is transforming UCLA’s hospitals into the impressive buildings that will begin opening soon. The four hospitals that comprise UCLA Healthcare—Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children’s Hospital at UCLA, Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital—are being renovated or rebuilt to better serve the health needs of our community and beyond.

Westwood Replacement Medical Center

The UCLA Westwood Replacement Medical Center will stand as the dominant building on the south campus, between Gayley Avenue and Westwood Boulevard, adjacent to the UCLA Medical Plaza. Created by renowned architect I. M. Pei as well as a team of architects headed by Perkins and Will, the Pei Partnership, and Rochlin, Baran + Balbona (RBB), the building conveys the inspiration and promise of healing and scientific discovery, while accentuating the openness, accessibility and human scale inherent on the UCLA campus.

The 1,050,000-square-foot hospital will house 520 beds in private rooms and will feature a dedicated interventional floor with 23 operating rooms, six cardiac catheterization laboratories, eight procedure suites for interventional radiology and 70 pre- and post-recovery spaces. The 10-story (eight stories above ground) structure will combine the operations of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, and Mattel Children’s Hospital at UCLA.

The Westwood replacement hospital is built to replace the current structure that was built in 1951. The new structure is one of the first total replacement hospital projects to be in conformance with the new California seismic safety requirements.

Some of the highlights of the medical center include:

- 120 intensive care beds designed to support 360-degree access to the patient with state-of-the-art medical equipment.
- Operating rooms and adjacent interventional procedure rooms featuring modular floor plans, allowing them to expand and reconfigure as medical technology evolves.
- Patient rooms with a window seat that converts to a bed, allowing family members to room-in with patients. ICU areas will feature a comfortable sleeper chair.
- Capabilities for physicians and nurses to perform many procedures in the individual rooms, instead of moving patients around the hospital.
- Patient rooms with an abundance of natural outdoor light through windows that overlook gardens, green spaces and gathering places that surround the new building.
- Cutting-edge medical equipment and communication technology integrated throughout the hospital.
- A distinct entrance to Mattel Children’s Hospital at UCLA serving pediatric patients and their families.

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Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital

Just west of Westwood, the new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital will replace most of the existing Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center when it begins opening in 2007. The 271-bed hospital will provide optimal inpatient facilities and an emergency center designed to better serve the almost 30,000 patients who annually visit the current Santa Monica-UCLA facility for emergency care.

The new name of the hospital—Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital—reflects a unique alliance between UCLA Healthcare and Orthopaedic Hospital in downtown Los Angeles that will expand and enhance the clinical, teaching and research capabilities of both institutions.

For more than 90 years, Orthopaedic Hospital has been a recognized leader in research, teaching and patient care in orthopaedic medicine, resulting in an improved quality of life for children and adults with crippling diseases. Orthopaedic Hospital has already relocated its inpatient services to Santa Monica, while continuing to provide outpatient services at its downtown facility.

The replacement hospital was designed by prominent New York architect Robert A.M. Stern, who is dean of the Yale School of Architecture, in conjunction with CO Architects (formerly Anshen + Allen Los Angeles). The unique design features a Northern Italian architectural style similar to original buildings on the UCLA campus. More than 25 percent of the new medical campus will be devoted to green and open spaces.

The replacement hospital will connect to the existing Merle Norman Pavilion and feature an inviting, user-friendly design compatible with the hospital’s neighborhood setting.

Other highlights include:

- the Orthopaedic Hospital facility, featuring an outpatient clinic, UCLA Department of Orthopaedics administrative and faculty offices, other administrative offices and a library.
- a new, 14,000-square-foot Nethercutt Emergency Center designed to provide more efficient and compassionate care and a fast-track service for minor illnesses and injuries.
- a new Birthing Center and 16-bassinet Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
- cutting-edge medical equipment and integrated communication technology.
- a new Critical Care Unit with state-of-the-art medical equipment and 360-degree access to patients.
- six new, state-of-the-art operating rooms.
- patient rooms featuring family space and comfortable sleep chairs for rooming-in.
- a new cafeteria with outdoor and indoor seating areas.

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