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Seton unveils new Round Rock hospital

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The Seton Family of Hospitals' newest hospital, Seton Medical Center Williamson, opens today in Round Rock.

The 365,761 square-foot hospital has 181 beds and is located off of University Avenue in Round Rock's quickly growing medical and academic medicine corridor. The hospital joins Scott & White's University Medical Campus hospital, the planned campus of Texas A&M University's medical school and Texas State University's Round Rock campus.

Seton acquired the land in 2004 from the Avery family, and the system estimates the hospital construction cost \$175 million. The hospital's 75-acre campus is planned to accommodate future expansions, and the hospital could eventually expand to 350 beds over the next 10 to 15 years, Seton Medical Center Williamson's CEO Mark Hazelwood says.

In addition to services like a full-service emergency department, Hazelwood says the Round Rock hospital will try to build on the system's goal of offering complex care by bulking up on specialty care. Among the hospital's programs and services are inpatient medical care, including oncology, digestive, neuroscience and pulmonology; surgical care, including orthopedics, plastics, gynecology, endoscopy, neurosurgery and general surgery; cardiac care; women's services and an oncology center.

Seton is also planning to build a 210-bed hospital in Kyle, about 20 miles south of Austin.

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