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HEALTH FACILITIES MONITOR

What You Need to Know Now

TOP STORIES

Tennessee Hospital Closes after Helene

Hospitals and communities across the Southeast continue to assess and navigate the effects of Hurricane Helene, which made landfall Sept. 26 in Florida's Big Bend region as a Category 4 storm.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [Health Exec](#)

Water Fence Protects Tampa General Hospital During Hurricane Helene

On Sept. 27, Tampa General Hospital remained operational during and after Hurricane Helene, thanks to a temporary water-impermeable barrier erected around the hospital in the days leading up to the hurricane making landfall.

Source: [Health Exec](#)

CommonSpirit Reorganizes Portfolio: 6 Things to Know

CommonSpirit recently underwent a "comprehensive portfolio review," consolidating eight operating divisions into five regions, completing multiple hospital transactions and implementing various changes with an intentional focus on each geographic market.

Source: [Becker's Hospital CFO Report](#), [Fierce Healthcare](#)

Tenet's Outpatient Boom

The 52-hospital system significantly improved its leverage position this year, selling nine hospitals in high-growth markets for a total of \$3.9 billion. Proceeds from these hospital sales are being used to reduce the health system's debt and expand its outpatient footprint through strategic ASC acquisitions and de novo developments.

Source: [Becker's Hospital CFO Report](#)

Study Ranks U.S. Health System Dead Last Among Wealthy Nations

An analysis of the quality and accessibility of the healthcare systems of 10 Western democracies found that the U.S. ranked dead last overall. The study comes from the Commonwealth Fund, a nonprofit that advocates for healthcare policy proposals, specifically those that improve accessibility for low-income communities.

Source: [Health Exec](#), [The Commonwealth Fund](#)



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MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Hospital M&A Accelerates, But Some Struggle to Find a Partner

Twenty-seven hospital merger and acquisition transactions were announced in the third quarter, the highest Q3 volume since 2017, according to Kaufman Hall's latest M&A report.

Source: [Becker's Hospital CFO Report](#)

Acquisitions Give One-Time Efficiency Boost to Hospital Margins

Independent hospitals can receive efficiency and profitability boosts from acquisitions. However, buyouts don't continue to boost operating metrics for corporate-owned hospitals.

Source: [Healthcare Dive](#)

Cardinal Health Acquiring Integrated Oncology Network for \$1.1B

Healthcare supply and services company Cardinal Health has a deal in place to acquire Integrated Oncology Network, a collection of more than 50 community oncology centers, for just over \$1.1 billion.

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Modern Healthcare](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

OHSU Files Notice with OHA to Become One Public University Health System

Portland-based Oregon Health & Science University has filed a healthcare market oversight notice with the Oregon Health Authority that details plans to become an integrated, full-service public university health system with Portland, Ore.-based Legacy Health.

Source: [OHSU](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Willamette Week](#), [KOIN 6](#)



SAFETY & SECURITY

North Carolina to Require Armed Police in Hospitals

A new North Carolina law requires hospitals to have an armed law enforcement officer in emergency departments.

Source: [The Carolina Journal](#), [Becker's Clinical Leadership](#)

White House Unveils New Efforts to Curb Gun Violence

The Biden administration on Sept. 26 unveiled a suite of new efforts to combat gun violence, including directives to ensure healthcare providers are reimbursed for firearm safety counseling.

Source: [Becker's Clinical Leadership](#)

Community Health Network to Bolster Security with Airport Tech Company

Indianapolis-based Community Health Network is partnering with CLEAR, the company known for developing biometric ID checks for airports, in a bid to enhance security.

Source: [Becker's Health IT](#)



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ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Grumman | Butkus Associates Publishes 2023 Hospital Energy Benchmarking Survey

Since the energy efficiency consultants initiated the survey nearly 30 years ago, hospitals' overall fossil fuel use has trended downward, but electricity use isn't declining as much.

Source: [PHCP Pros](#)

Hospital Networks Can Fight Operational Inefficiencies with a New Model

To combat old infrastructure, an Energy-as-a-Service (EaaS) model can be both cost-effective and provide more clarity to overall operations.

Source: [GlobeSt](#)

Valley Children's Breaks Ground on Microgrid Project

Valley Children's Healthcare has broken ground on a microgrid project that is set to include solar panels, fuel cells and battery storage. The hospital says it will be one of the largest renewable energy microgrids connected to a hospital emergency system in the country.

Source: [Solar Industry](#), [Microgrid Knowledge](#)

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Catalyst: Building a Regional Hub for Healthcare Innovation

Catalyst is a \$65 Million, 170,000-square-foot medical innovation hub located on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus. The facility, expected to open officially in January 2025, is designed to support innovation in healthcare, biotechnology and entrepreneurship.

Source: [Silicon Prairie News](#)

Microsoft to Create Rural Health IT Community

Microsoft is collaborating with the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives and Nordic to create a national rural health IT community. The community will encourage cooperation between rural hospitals and major tech companies, while promoting the use of new technologies to protect rural healthcare organizations.

Source: [Becker's Health IT](#)

The Power of Resilient and Redundant Healthcare Technology Systems

As healthcare becomes more digitized and interconnected, the complexities and potential vulnerabilities increase. This necessitates a stronger focus and shared responsibility to build resilience and redundancy in healthcare technology networks.

Source: [Healthcare Dive](#)

BUILDING, BUYING, SELLING

- **NATIONAL**

A Few Rural Towns Are Bucking the Trend and Building New Hospitals

New full-service hospitals with inpatient beds are rare in rural America, where declining population has spurred decades of downsizing and closures. Yet, a few communities in Wyoming and others in Kansas and Georgia are defying the trend.

Source: [KFF Health News](#), [USA Today](#)

Are ASCs the Missing Puzzle Piece in Boosting Hospital Margins?

Health systems haven't always embraced surgery centers because of the financial impact and perceived competition. Today, a lot of health systems view ASCs as an important part of their delivery network and want to be involved in a bigger way.

Source: [Becker's ASC Review](#)

- **NORTHEAST**

Cooper University Health Care Forms Joint Venture for Expansion Project

Cooper University Health Care is beginning a \$3 billion expansion of its main campus. “Project Imagine” will expand the academic health system’s main campus to meet the current and future projected demand at Cooper University Hospital and MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

First Look at Sturdy Health Cancer & Specialty Care Medical Office Building

Sturdy Health has embarked on a \$50 million project to construct a 60,000-square-foot medical office building in Attleboro, Mass., focused on two of the most acute service needs for the community: oncology and specialty care. It is expected to be completed in 2025.

Source: [Healthcare Design](#)

Inspira Health Breaks Ground on Mullica Hill Expansion

Inspira Health celebrated the groundbreaking of its Inspira Medical Center Mullica Hill expansion in Harrison Township, N.J. When complete, it will add 168,000 square feet to the campus.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

St. Luke's in Talks to Acquire Grand View Health

Bethlehem, Pa.-based St. Luke's University Health Network is in talks to acquire Grand View Health in Sellersville, Pa.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

WoodBridge's Plan to Buy 3 CHS Hospitals

WoodBridge Healthcare, a nonprofit organization, plans to acquire Commonwealth Health, a three-hospital system part of Franklin, Tenn.-based Community Health Systems. The proposed \$120 million transaction would see CHS exit Pennsylvania.

Source: [Becker's Hospital CFO Report](#)

Lawrence General Chief Outlines Vision for New Hospital System

The community-based system prepares to scale around a vision that includes transforming regional health care delivery through use of AI and other technologies.

Source: [CommonWealth Beacon](#)

Hospital Building Project Requires Resourcefulness

Lessons learned during pandemic inspire robust design at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Source: [Health Facilities Management](#)

- **SOUTHEAST**

Orlando Health Buys 5 Alabama Hospitals for \$910M

The sale of five Tenet Healthcare hospitals in Alabama has been finalized in a \$910 million cash deal. The hospitals make up the Brookwood Baptist Health network.

Source: [Health Exec](#), [Health News Florida](#)

Inova Alexandria Hospital at Landmark to Begin Construction in Virginia

Healthcare provider Inova plans to break ground this fall on Inova Alexandria Hospital at Landmark in Alexandria, Va. The new hospital will be part of a 1.1-million-square-foot mixed-use development and replace the existing Inova Alexandria Hospital in 2028.

Source: [Healthcare Design](#), [thezebra.org](#), [Northern Virginia](#)

AdventHealth Hits Milestone for \$271M Hospital in Fast-Growing Minneola

The Altamonte Springs-based nonprofit health system topped off vertical construction of its four-story, 80-bed hospital. Construction on the \$271 million, 204,000-square-foot project began in December 2023.

Source: [WFTV 9](#)

Atrium Health Invests \$70M in Atlanta Real Estate

Atrium Health, the biggest North Carolina hospital system operator, appears ready to expand on its substantial Georgia presence. The not-for-profit system spent \$70 million this month for a 40-acre property in southwest Atlanta.

Source: [Business North Carolina](#)

UNC Health Rex Files Plans for New Wake Forest Hospital

UNC Health Rex recently filed two Certificate of Need applications. The first would add 20 acute care beds and two operating rooms at UNC Health Rex's main Raleigh hospital. The second application is to build a 50-bed community hospital in Wake Forest, N.C.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

Title CHS Offloads Two North Carolina Hospitals to Iredell Health

Iredell Health System has completed a deal to purchase two North Carolina-based hospitals from Community Health Systems. The hospitals include Davis Regional Psychiatric Hospital and Davis Regional Medical Center in Statesville, North Carolina.

Source: [Healthcare Dive](#)

- **SOUTH CAROLINA**

MUSC Health Partners to Develop \$30M Medical Pavilion on Kiawah Island

Kiawah Partners and the Medical University Hospital Authority have partnered to develop a \$30 million medical pavilion on Kiawah Island, S.C. After planning for almost 10 years, the partners anticipate completion of the project for the pavilion in late 2025.

Source: [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#)

Novant Health Announces Plans for Hospital Campus in Bluffton, S.C.

The new facility will be built with 50 beds to start with plans to expand to 100 beds.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [Hospital Management](#)

Trident Health Breaks Ground on \$40M Medical Office Building

Trident is demolishing a former building to make room for a new \$40 million medical office building in North Charleston, S.C. The facility will be four stories high and total 80,000 square feet.

Source: [Becker's ASC Review](#), [WCSC-TV](#)

Beaufort Memorial Ends Planned Facility after 6-Year fight

Beaufort Memorial Hospital's yearslong effort to open a \$45 million health facility in Bluffton, S.C., has ended. The system has withdrawn a state license for a 20-bed acute-care hospital that it initially earned in 2018 after moving to dismiss the lawsuit that kept it from breaking ground.

Source: [Becker's ASC Review](#), [The Post and Courier](#)

- **MIDWEST**

\$2 Billion Hospital Project Underway in Michigan

The \$2.2 billion expansion plan for Henry Ford Health's Detroit campus features a new, 1.2 million-square-foot facility that includes a 20-story patient tower—three floors of which will be dedicated to providing "intensive inpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation."

Source: [Newsweek](#), [Detroit Regional Chamber](#), [Health Leaders Media](#)

IU Health Breaks Ground on \$421M Hospital

Indianapolis-based Indiana University Health has broken ground on a \$421 million hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Inside Indiana Business](#), [WOWO](#)

Mercy South to Break Ground on \$75M ED Expansion

In order to meet the growing needs of its community, Mercy Hospital South in St. Louis is expanding and redesigning its entire emergency department. The \$75 million dollar redesign will expand the existing emergency department to 65,000 square feet.

Source: [Mercy](#), [Hospital Management](#)

UI Health Care Starts Planning \$25M+ Upgrades to Former Mercy Campus

The University of Iowa Health Care officials announced preliminary plans to spend more than \$25 million upgrading its new downtown campus. The university acquired its Medical Center Downtown through a \$28 million bankruptcy sale of the Mercy Iowa City community hospital earlier this year.

Source: [The Gazette](#), [The Daily Iowan](#)

Bost, Wagner Lead Call for VA to Jumpstart New Hospital Construction Project in St. Louis Area

U.S. Reps. Ann Wagner (R-MO) and Mike Bost (R-IL) joined three of their Republican colleagues in calling on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to advance the department's St. Louis bed tower replacement and clinical expansion project.

Source: [The Ripon Advance](#)

After Much Uncertainty, Michigan Hospital to Be Sold

Insight Health System says it has reached a deal to acquire Coldwater Regional from ProMedica. Based in Toledo, Ohio, ProMedica has been working to sell the hospital in Coldwater, Mich., for more than a year as the facility has faced financial difficulties.

Source: [Chief Healthcare Executive](#), [Crain's Detroit Business](#)

MCB Acquires Chicago-Area MOB

MCB Science + Health has acquired iMed Naperville Medical Office, a 72,000-square-foot

medical office building in Naperville, Ill., a Chicago submarket. DynaCom Management Inc. sold the asset for \$28 million, in a deal brokered by Greenstone Partners.

Source: [Commercial Property Executive](#), [The Daily Record](#)

Deaconess Health to Acquire Kentucky System

Hopkinsville, Ky.-based Jennie Stuart Health has signed a non-binding letter of intent to join Deaconess Health System, an 18-hospital system headquartered in Evansville, Ind.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Hoptown Chronicle](#)

- **SOUTHWEST**

\$142 Million Expansion Planned for Medical City McKinney

Medical City McKinney is preparing for approximately \$142 million in construction projects slated to start in 2025. These plans include adding two stories to the hospital's east tower, as well as expanding and renovating various service areas.

Source: [Local Profile](#), [DOTmed](#)

Banner Health Medical Center Cleared for Construction

Phase one of Banner Health's plan to build a \$400 million medical campus in Scottsdale, Ariz., can begin any time. The building is part of a \$400 million medical campus project.

Source: [Scottsdale Independent](#)

Texas Kicks Off Construction of New North Texas State Hospital in Wichita Falls

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has broken ground on a new hospital to replace the North Texas State Hospital in Wichita Falls. Governor Abbott and the 88th Texas Legislature approved \$452 million in funding for the inpatient psychiatric hospital, which is slated for completion in late 2027.

Source: [Office of the Texas Governor](#), [Healthcare Design](#)

CHS Subsidiary to Acquire 10 Urgent Care Centers

Community Health Systems' Northwest Urgent Care has signed a definitive agreement to purchase 10 Arizona urgent care centers from Carbon Health for an undisclosed price.

Source: [Healthcare Dive](#), [Hospital Management](#)

The Three Disruptors Shaping DFW Healthcare Real Estate

The healthcare sector in Dallas-Fort Worth has an annual value of \$52 billion, commanding a significant share of the region and contributing 15% to the overall economic activity. Yet this success is not without its intricacies, as illustrated by three key disruptors steering healthcare decisions.

Source: [D Magazine](#)

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PeaceHealth to Acquire Four Providence Clinic Sites

PeaceHealth and Providence have entered into a definitive agreement that will result in PeaceHealth acquiring four Providence clinic sites located in Clark County, Wash. Pending the

standard regulatory review processes, the clinics will transfer to PeaceHealth.

Source: [Peace Health](#), [The Lund Report](#), [The Columbian](#)

Kaiser 303-bed California Hospital Gets Green Light

Oakland, Calif.-based Kaiser Permanente received approval from the San Jose (Calif.) planning commission to move forward with plans to demolish its existing San Jose Medical Center and build a new hospital. The project would demolish the current 250,000-square-foot hospital and develop a new 685,000-square-foot hospital, central utility plant and parking garage.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [The Mercury News](#), [SiliconValley.com](#)

California County OKs \$315M to Buy, Integrate HCA Hospital into Public System

Santa Clara (Calif.) County's board of supervisors voted unanimously to appropriate \$315 million toward its efforts to acquire East San Jose, Calif.-based Regional Medical Center from HCA Healthcare and restore services.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [San Jose Spotlight](#)

Dignity Health to Open ASC, Medical Office Building

A Dignity Health medical office building and ASC in Folsom, Calif., that was first announced in 2020 has found a developer for the project. Denver-based healthcare real estate company NexCore will develop the facility, which is slated to start construction spring 2025.

Source: [Becker's ASC Review](#), [KXTV](#)

Surgeon Prescribes Medical Building for Santa Monica Market

An orthopedic surgeon wants to replace a shuttered pool hall in Santa Monica, Calif. with a three-story medical office and surgery building.

Source: [The Real Deal](#)

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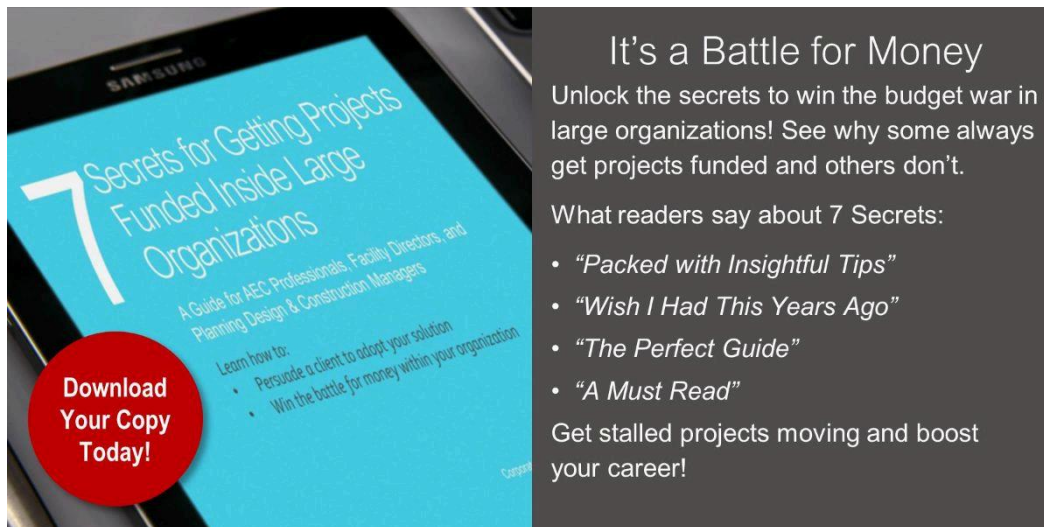
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