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University of Chicago Medicine Breaks Ground in Orland Park



The University of Chicago Medicine will hold its groundbreaking ceremony at the site of its new 108,000-square-foot, four-story ambulatory health care facility in Orland Park on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015.

The University of Chicago Medicine Center for Advanced Care at Orland Park, at 143rd Street and LaGrange Road, seeks to meet the growing health care demands of the region in an outpatient setting. Plans for the facility include 80 exam rooms with services in radiation oncology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, pediatrics, women's health and surgical consulting.

"We are excited to be working with the University of Chicago Medicine to bring this much-needed medical development to Orland Park," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Along with the additional medical services for area residents, this facility brings construction jobs and will create a number of high-end jobs in Orland Park."

The multi-use building will occupy about two acres in Orland Park's downtown area and includes a pharmacy and a freestanding 530-space parking garage. The garage will be available to both patients and the public. The development is expected to employ more than 100 people and create more than 200 construction jobs.

The \$61 million project is estimated to bring more than 80,000 visitors and patients to Orland Park's downtown in its first year alone – a figure projected to increase over time.

UChicago Medicine and the Village of Orland Park agreed to a 25-year lease agreement, with the property transferring to the medical center at the lease's end. The direct financial benefit to the village is estimated at \$22 million in revenue (medical and retail combined) over the course of the lease agreement.

In May 2014, the Orland Park Board of Trustees unanimously approved a letter of intent from UChicago Medicine to build an outpatient facility in downtown Orland Park. In August 2014, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board unanimously approved UChicago Medicine's health facility plan.

UChicago Medicine research indicates a growing and aging population in the area will benefit from additional exam rooms and physicians. The Center for Advanced Care at Orland Park will be UChicago Medicine's largest off-site location. The facility is scheduled to open in late 2016 or early 2017.