

## Doubling in size, Stanford' s children hospital set to open in December



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Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford is expected to open for patients by December, with a newly built main building, 3.5 acres of gardens and plans to hire hundreds.

The project is a part of Stanford Health Care's **expansion plans** in the Bay Area, which include adding 824,000 square feet to its adult hospital in Palo Alto. The children's hospital will more than double its size, adding 521,000 square feet to bring its total space to 844,000 square feet. It plans to hire around 400 new employees in patient care, hospitality and food services.

The \$1.2 billion project, which **broke ground** in 2012, adds 149 new patient beds to a total of 361 beds on campus. For Stanford, having more space goes beyond adding more patients. It will be able to expand its diagnostic services with upgraded catheterization labs, imaging and operating rooms, said **Chris Dawes**, president and CEO of the Lucile Packard hospital.

"The potential of this new space is remarkable," Dawes told the Business Times. "This will be a children's hospital unlike any other. Every detail of our new facility and surrounding grounds was designed with patients and families in mind, including amenities to provide parents convenience and comfort during their children's stay. We are transforming the patient-family experience while offering the most advanced medical technology and world class care that we're known for."

Stanford Children's Health sees more than 500,000 pediatric outpatient visits per year and is staffed by some 725 Stanford doctors.

Stanford will continue growing its specialty care across the greater hospital campus, according to Dawes, including locations like the Betty Irene Moore Children's Heart Center and the Johnson Center for Pregnancy and Newborns.



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Stanford estimates the rebuilt hospital will save 800,000 gallons of water per year and reduce energy consumption by 60 percent.



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It includes spaces like a nurses station (shown here) and larger patient rooms.



The project adds a new Discovery Garden. The garden and green spaces total about 3.5 acres.



The larger patient rooms will have sleeping accommodations for two family members. Every floor will have laundry facilities and a kitchen.



The expanded children's hospital includes recreation areas like this "story corner." The new main building will also feature interactive walls and a broadcast studio where children can play.

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