



## Overview

The development of Sky Ridge Medical Center was, in significant part, the result of an outcry from both the community as well as elected officials in Douglas County, including the Douglas County Commissioners and Senator John Evans. Until the opening of this hospital, Douglas County had been without an acute care hospital to provide for the healthcare needs of the community. Sky Ridge was created with patients and their families in mind, combining the latest technology and service in a soothing, healing environment.

## Key Statistics

- The cost of the facility was about \$147 million.
- The hospital is 386,000 square feet.
- The hospital opened with 106 beds and is currently at 156. Construction on the final shelled floor will begin in October 2007, adding another 29 beds.
- Since opening, Sky Ridge expanded its ICU by 18 beds and completed the fourth floor build out. Construction will soon begin on another six operating rooms and a second cardiac cath lab.
- The hospital is designed to expand to 335 beds as demand continues.
- The hospital opened with 290 employees and now employs more than 800.
- More than 1300 physicians are credentialed at Sky Ridge, representing virtually every specialty.
- Sky Ridge has also expanded geographically with the opening of The Sky Ridge Imaging Center at Castle Rock in May 2007.

## Special Features

- Private patient rooms.
- Healing Garden.
- Amenity Suites (larger rooms, private chef, complimentary robes, larger bathrooms, concierge service).
- Artwork primarily by Colorado artists to complement the environment and create a feeling of comfort and healing.
- Hospitality pagers for visitors/family members.
- Room service (food service) meals. Not only does this service provide greater choice to patients, but it also reduces food waste and costs.
- Sky Ridge Café and an outdoor patio.
- A Children's Playground donated by the Starlight Children's Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to fulfill wishes for sick kids.
- 24/7 Visitor's Business Center.
- Complimentary CarePages, a web based, personal service to keep patients and their loved ones in touch before, during and after a hospitalization.
- Wireless internet access in the Café as well as the Surgery and ICU waiting areas as well as high speed internet access in each patient room.

## Hospital Services

- Full-range surgical suites.
- Obstetrical services and Level III nursery.
- State-of-the-art infant security system.
- Full-service women's center.
- Broad range of diagnostic and imaging capabilities, including CT, MRT and "64-Slice" CTA.
- Cardiac services including interventional cath lab and open-heart surgery program.
- Cancer Center including radiation, chemotherapy treatment and inpatient services.
- Outpatient therapy center, which includes physical therapy and sports medicine.
- AirLife medical transport.
- Level III Trauma Center.
- Spine & Orthopedics Center, including spine, joints and sports medicine.
- Robotic technology, particularly for the treatment of prostate cancer.
- Pediatrics, including Pediatric Unit, Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Emergency Services
- ICU/CCU.
- Bariatric Surgery Center.
- Sally Jobe Breast Center.
- Endoscopy/GI Lab.
- Complementary medicine and therapies.
- Electronic Medication Administration Record (E-MAR), a bar coding system that can reduce medication errors by up to 88%.
- Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS), digital imaging that enables radiologists and physicians to view simultaneously from their computers, eliminating the need for film.

## Items of Note

- Sky Ridge was rated number one in patient satisfaction in 2006 among more than 160 HCA hospitals nationwide.
- The Emergency Department at Sky Ridge is among the top five nationally for patient satisfaction.
- Readers of the *Colorado Community Newspapers* have voted Sky Ridge their number one choice for regional hospital.
- The readers of *Kids' Pages* magazine rated Sky Ridge as a top family-friendly Emergency Department.

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