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Kaiser Permanente breaks ground on Antioch Medical Center

First hospital to be built in East Contra Costa County
in nearly 40 years

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ANTIOCH, Calif. - Kaiser Permanente will break ground on a 570,000-square-foot medical center at 5601 Deer Valley Road in Antioch on Thursday, July 29 at 8:30 a.m. The new medical center will bring 1,400 jobs to East Contra Costa County when it opens.

When complete, the Kaiser Permanente Antioch Medical Center will add 340,400-square-feet of hospital space and 230,000-square-feet of medical office space to an

existing 60,600-square-foot medical office building at the site. That will bring the total size of the medical center to 631,000-square-feet. Construction of the medical center will also bring many jobs to the area with over 700 workers on site each day during peak construction.

"The Antioch Medical Center will provide the most advanced health care options and the latest technologies to one of the fastest-growing areas in Northern California," said Sandi Small, Senior Vice President and Area Manager. "The Antioch project underscores our commitment to provide the highest-quality health care and service and invest in the communities we serve."

The 150-bed Kaiser Permanente Antioch Medical Center will be a state-of-the-art health care facility with a full array of hospital services, including the new KP HealthConnect information system. KP HealthConnect is Kaiser Permanente's sophisticated new electronic medical record system that will integrate patient data and allow patients, physicians and other authorized health care staff real-time access to the patients' complete, up-to-the-minute medical records, including lab/test results and prescriptions.

KP HealthConnect will also enhance service and improve health outcomes by providing physicians and nurses immediate access to the most current medical science and alert them to individual patient's allergies and drug interactions. To support communication and information systems, the new medical center will require 16 miles of phone lines, the

equivalent of spanning Lake Tahoe from north to south.

The Antioch Medical Center is scheduled to be completed by November 2007. It will house six operating rooms, 36 emergency treatment bays and 150 beds, including labor and delivery, postpartum, medical, surgical, intensive care and neonatal intensive care beds. The center will be equipped with the latest medical technology to treat patients in emergency, intensive care and neonatal intensive care.

Antioch outpatient services will also expand to include cardiology, chemotherapy, infusion, gastroenterology, head and neck surgery, a minor injury center, neurology, obstetrics, gynecology, occupational medicine, oncology, hematology, ophthalmology, optometry, orthopedics, podiatry, pulmonology, physical therapy, radiology, surgery and urology.

Many materials are required to build a state-of-the-art medical center. Here are some construction facts about the new Antioch Medical Center.

Construction of the Kaiser Permanente Antioch Medical Center will require:

- 66,000 tons of concrete: the combined weight of 880,000 people
- 5,000 tons of steel: the amount of steel in 570,000 10-speed bicycles
- 5,200 electrical receptacles and 2,600 light switches: the number in 170 average single family homes

- 136 miles of electrical wiring: a length of wire equal to 78 crossings of the Golden Gate Bridge
- 1,950 doors: if placed back-to-back they would create a tunnel 1,150 feet long
- 29 miles of pipe: if placed end-to-end the pipe would be five times taller than Mount Everest
- 23,500 shrubs and ornamental grasses and 1,500 trees will be planted
- 700 construction workers will be on site daily during peak construction periods

Kaiser Permanente's physician-led care has been recognized by the National Committee on Quality Assurance with designation as the best health plan in California. Kaiser Permanente opened its first clinic in East Contra Costa County in 1953.

About Kaiser Permanente:

Kaiser Permanente, founded in 1945, is a non-profit integrated health care organization, with physicians, nurses and staff working in collaboration to provide high quality care to patients and address the health care needs of communities served by the organization. The Kaiser Permanente Northern California Region serves almost 3.2 million members. It includes 5,000 physicians in The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) and about 54,000 employees. The region has 19 major medical centers. In 2004, Kaiser Permanente will devote more than \$300 million to enhance the health and well-being of Northern California communities.

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