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Texas system, doc investors building acute-care hospital

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Methodist Health System in Dallas began construction on Methodist McKinney (Texas) Hospital, a 65,625-square-foot facility that will be a joint venture among Methodist, Nueterra Healthcare and 26 physicians in the McKinney area. Expected to open in fall 2009, the two-story hospital will include six operating room suites, two procedure rooms, 15 private patient rooms, a diagnostic imaging unit and an emergency room. The total cost for the project is nearly \$50 million, which includes \$35 million to \$40 million for the facilities, equipment and furnishings and \$5.8 million for the 24 acres (including 14 acres that were purchased for expected future expansion). The hospital will be built in two phases of development: the first will be for the hospital and adjacent medical office building, and the second will be for the expansion, likely within three to four years, according to Methodist.

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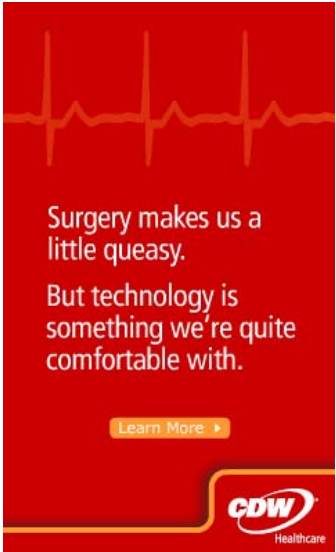
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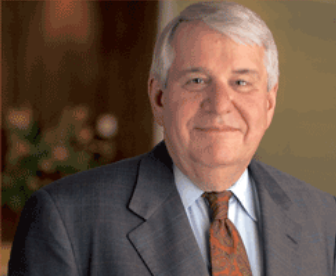

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