

Plaza Companies keeps important medical center facility in Peoria

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Plaza Companies has reached an agreement with United Surgical Partners, Inc. to keep Surgery Center of Peoria in the community and expand it to meet its future needs.

Surgery Center of Peoria had commissioned a national broker to manage an open competition for the center's location. The center had examined several other communities before deciding to remain in Peoria.

The deciding factor was Plaza's ability to expand the company's presence to a renovated, 9,243 square foot facility on the Plaza del Rio Campus, enabling Peoria to keep this important medical facility.

Sharon Harper, President and CEO of Plaza Companies, said the new lease agreement with Surgery Center of Peoria is a unique business transaction and one critical to meeting the medical needs



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Plaza Companies CEO
Sharon Harper

of the Northwest Valley.

"We really felt we had to go above and beyond what other companies were willing to do in order to retain this important medical resource," Harper said. "Therefore, we worked closely with the center to determine their future needs and goals and custom-design a lease and facility they can grow and thrive in."

Surgery Center of Peoria provides a variety of outpatient surgical procedures, and had been considering moving its practice to another location in order to meet a growing niche in the health care community.

Surgery Center of Peoria has been operating in Plaza Del Rio Medical Center III since approximately 1984, and had expanded several times over the years to three non-contiguous spaces.

To bring all of their facilities "under one roof" and improve internal flow for their patients and doctors, Plaza Companies is building a structure to connect two buildings within the medical office complex, therefore combining their surgical facilities with all administrative functions.

A new entry feature for the Surgery Center will also be created directly off of the patient parking lot improving visibility and accessibility, along with improved monument signage on 94th Drive. A new reception area and administrative offices will be designed and constructed giving the Surgery Center a newly updated look.

David Simms, President of the Board of Directors with Surgery Center of Peoria, said Plaza Companies' willingness get creative in order to address both current and future needs within the Plaza del Rio Campus was a driving factor in their decision to remain in Peoria and serve the residents of the Northwest Valley.

"We examined a number of options as to what the best location would be for our practice in the future," Simms said. "But at the end of the day, the diligence and creativity shown by the Plaza team

and especially Leasing Manager Margaret Lloyd, combined with the strength of the Northwest Valley medical community, made staying here the best decision for us."

United Surgical Partners Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas, currently has ownership interests in or operates 175 surgical facilities. Of the company's 171 domestic facilities, 118 are jointly owned with not-for-profit healthcare systems. The company also operates four facilities in London, England.

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