

# Quincy medical center opens renovated clinic

*Hospital makes other changes during the year*

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QUINCY — Quincy Valley Medical Center unveiled a newly renovated clinic Jan. 24 with a community celebration.

“The new clinic is going extremely well,” said CEO Mehdi Merred. “We’ve seen a significant increase in patient numbers.”

The month of February saw 410 patients, an increase of about 60 compared with 2007, he said. The month of March saw 456 patients, an increase of about 90.

Renovation work included new paint, flooring, carpeting and furniture. The name of the clinic was changed to SageView Family Care.

A specialty services wing was included in the renovation, which occurred during the

holidays while the clinic was closed.

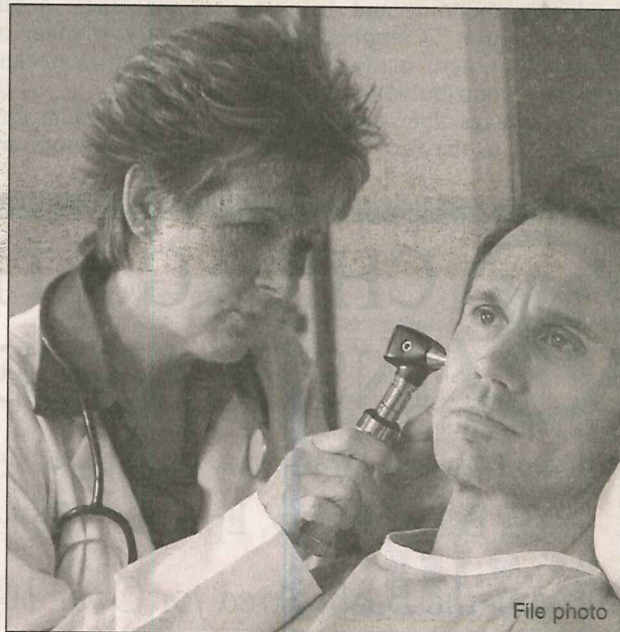
The hospital hired Clinic Director Dr. Mary Klingner in January and a mid-level provider, Charlene Brush, Merred said. He anticipated Nurse Practitioner Nick Mason, who lives in the area seasonally, would return to the clinic May 12.

In addition to the other renovations, the medical center re-carpeted and painted the hospital’s main entrance. The radiology and lab department area was re-carpeted as well, Merred said.

The year 2006 was about civility and team building, he said. The year 2007 was about starting surgery services and relocating physical therapy.

“2008 is kind of a wait-and-see period where we want to be profitable,” Merred said. “That’s our main objective for this year.”

The hospital hasn’t been profitable in 20 years — but it is currently on target to being profitable in 2008, Merred said.



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