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## John Muir, San Ramon Medical to open health clinic in Pleasanton

Joint venture acquires building on Owens Drive

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San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health have acquired a building with more than 92,000 square feet at 5860 Owens Drive that will hold the new Pleasanton Outpatient Center. The center is expected to open in early 2015.

The acquisition is part of the joint venture partnership announced in 2013 between Tenet Healthcare, parent company of the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, and John Muir Health. San Ramon Medical is a 123-bed acute care hospital in San Ramon and John Muir Health is a not-for-profit integrated system of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare services, based in Walnut Creek.

"We continually evaluate opportunities with healthcare providers, physician groups and others in our markets to maximize effectiveness, reduce costs, and integrate patient care coordination to improve overall care," said Paul Smith, acting chief executive officer of the joint venture. "Together, we will continue to pursue new and innovative ways to improve patient care, access to services and affordability."

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health are purchasing the building for approximately \$19 million.

"The Pleasanton Outpatient Center is another step toward fulfilling our goal to expand and improve care, access, and services for patients in the growing Tri-Valley area and surrounding communities," Smith added. "The center will be more convenient for patients, who can access a full range of services under one roof, and allows us to work better as a team to coordinate care and enhance the patient experience."

The center is projected to house primary care physicians, specialists, an Urgent Care Center, and imaging services. The building is located off I-580, and a short walk from the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Ample onsite parking will also be available.

"The design of John Muir Health's recently opened Walnut Creek Outpatient Center was driven by the needs of patients, including convenience, access, cost-effective care, service and quality, the same principles that will drive development of the Pleasanton facility," said Lee Huskins, president and chief administrative officer of John Muir Health's Physician Network.

"Through our partnership with San Ramon Regional Medical Center, we look forward to providing the Tri-Valley community expanded choices for high-quality, patient-centered care, close to home in a modern, healing environment," he added.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health announced and completed their joint venture partnership in 2013. As part of the agreement, San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health will also jointly develop outpatient services, such as the Pleasanton Outpatient Center, and other projects in the Tri-Valley area and nearby communities.

"Our partnership with John Muir Health exemplifies our strategy of enhancing and expanding the integrated healthcare services we offer patients in California," said Smith.

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Huskins agreed.

"With the advent of health care reform, John Muir Health and our partners at San Ramon Regional Medical Center continue to look at ways we can deliver care using different models and best practices," he said.

"The Pleasanton Outpatient Center fits that strategy by offering primary care physicians and specialists in one location, which enhances physician collaboration, knowledge sharing and care management to ensure our patients are getting the right care, in the right location and at the right time," Huskins added.

The purchase was completed on January 31.

### Photos



Vacant office building at 5860 Owens Drive has been acquired by a joint venture partnership of John Muir in Walnut Creek and San Ramon Regional Medical Center for use as a Pleasanton Outpatient Center, which will open next year. Photo by Jeb Bing.