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Banner Health opens new hospital in Chandler

CHANDLER, Ariz. (Nov. 1, 2020) – Banner Health's newest hospital, Banner Ocotillo Medical Center, will open at 8 a.m. Nov. 2, making it the first new Banner hospital since 2010, when Banner Ironwood Medical Center opened in Queen Creek.

Starting with 124 patient beds, Banner Ocotillo is designed to grow and offers emergency care, intensive care, endoscopy, cardiac services, imaging, surgical services and women and infant services, including labor and delivery – with the ability to care for babies born at 32 weeks and older.

The hospital anticipates handling about 21,000 emergency visits per year to start. It is shelled to double the emergency room from 14 to 28 beds and grow from four to six operating rooms, whenever patient volumes dictate expansion.

"We are so excited to open this beautiful new hospital to serve Chandler and surrounding communities," said Laura Robertson, Banner Ocotillo CEO. "I'm proud and honored to be leading and working alongside an experienced, patient-centered team of health professionals, many of whom live in Chandler and are now able to work here, too."

The four-story, 240,000-square-foot hospital is located on the southeast corner of Alma School Road and the Loop 202/Santan Freeway.

The hospital features cutting-edge technology to improve safety and quality, including robotic surgeries, UV-disinfecting lights, monitored hand-hygiene stations, and smart phone devices for all caregivers to improve charting, communication and medication and lab orders.

Another feature of the hospital is its 200 pieces of beautiful artwork. Much of the art throughout the hospital is done by local artists and highlights Chandler in various ways, such as its history and landmarks. A signature piece in the main lobby was commissioned specifically for Banner Ocotillo. It is a 9'-by-10' ceramic mosaic, called Desert Healing, by East Valley artist Rylee Sturge.

Banner Ocotillo is part of Banner Health, a nonprofit healthcare system with 30 hospitals in six states. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com/ocotillo.

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