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GREEN C. Allenmore Hospital's new building combines new medical facilities with environment-friendly construction and operation.

New building provides a 'green' way to grow

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MultiCare Health Systems recently inducted a new building, Allenmore building C, into its healthcare facility at its grand opening Aug. 8.

The goal for the new building is to centralize services for patients, making a visit that requires services from more than one type of office more convenient and accessible.

The building will include all primary care clinics, Allenmore Internal Medicine, Tacoma Central internal medicine, Tacoma Central Family Medicine, breast health center, Laboratories Northwest, Medical Imaging and Cedar Surgical Associates.

"[Allenmore has] grown to the point where we need more space and be able to provide more services to people," noted Todd Kelley, Media Relations Manager for MultiCare Health Systems. "Now the services are more centralized and more accessible to the Allenmore campus. If they're under one roof, they have more of a synergy to them."

The idea for the new building arose in Jan. 2005, when Unico purchased Allenmore building B from MultiCare.

In Nov. 2005, MultiCare was slated to occupy 40,000 square feet of the 65,000 square foot building, which would be owned by Unico, designed by BCRA and built by Turner construction. Today, MultiCare occupies 55,000 square feet, while Cedar Surgical Associates, an organization that has worked closely with MultiCare in the past, will occupy the remaining 10,000 square feet.

Construction on the project began last summer, and it was completed in June of this year, according to Gary Maples, project manager for BCRA.

Maples said the \$11 million building was “built green” with sustainable design, materials and construction techniques and meets LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.

The building, which is three stories tall and has a 30-car parking garage, is powered by energy-efficient mechanical and electric system and also has a landscape that requires little water.

Sharon Mead, marketing director of Unico, said the completion of building C is part of MultiCare’s long-term growth plan, and has a long-term (about 15-year) lease with Unico.

“The hospital was pretty packed,” recalled Mead. “[The new] building gave them some leverage to actually expand.”

The new building is located at MultiCare Allenmore Hospital Campus, Building C parking lot, 3124 S. 19th St.