



UMC and community leaders get our new East Emergency Department started at the March 15 groundbreaking ceremony in a lot next to the UMC East Clinic. From left, Eric Johansen, Emergency Department Director; Maria Zampini, UMC Chief Operating Officer; Joy Martinez, UMC Board of Managers; County Judge Ricardo Samaniego; County Commissioner Vince Perez; and Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO.

For Some, It's Déjà vu; For East El Paso, It's A Celebration

When UMC and community leaders gathered at the site of construction of a new emergency department next to UMC East on March 15, some might have had a sense of déjà vu, that they had previously experienced the same event. In some ways, they did – same speakers, same setup but different dirt – at an event two weeks prior.

Many others, however, saw the newly broken ground next to UMC East as a cause for celebration that the growing need for better healthcare on El Paso's east side is going to be met by UMC, El Paso's most advanced hospital. More than 160,000 residents of east El Paso will later this year have 24/7 access to emergency care as construction ramps up after a March 15 groundbreaking ceremony next to the UMC East Clinic.



As they did with a similar ceremony earlier in March, community leaders, UMC’s board, administration leaders and Associates took part in the ceremony on a windswept and cold Friday afternoon. This second groundbreaking solidifies for the first time in our region’s history, El Paso County will own and operate two full-service offsite emergency departments away from UMC’s main campus.

The new emergency department will be attached to the UMC East facility located at 1521 Joe Battle. Both the new Northeast and East Emergency Departments are scheduled to open later this year.

Ray Davis Joins UMC As Chief Information Officer

Ray Davis, one of El Paso’s most experienced health information leaders, joins University Medical Center of El Paso today as its new Chief Information Officer, overseeing all IT and electronic information services and programs.

“I am extremely happy to have Ray join us as our new CIO,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO. “He has the experience and technological awareness that is required for a growing hospital such as UMC. Our new clinics, new systems and plans for the future are the perfect fit for Ray.”



Ray Davis

With more than 35 years of hospital IT experience and leadership, Mr. Davis will work to ensure UMC leads El Paso’s healthcare industry in technological innovation and expertise for the benefit of everyone in the borderland. He will also work very closely with the UMC’s existing IT leadership and team, particularly at a time when UMC’s information technology capabilities are fast-growing. “This is

really a wonderful opportunity to better help all of El Paso,” he said. “One of my first goals is to put in place a strategic plan for IT services at UMC.”

UMC, with more than 2,800 employees, has growing needs for exceptional information technology performance throughout its system, from the main campus to the many community clinics located throughout El Paso. UMC’s community clinics are located, along with new emergency departments being built in northeast and east El Paso.

Mr. Davis comes to UMC from the Hospitals of Providence in El Paso.

Center for Diagnostic and Advanced Endoscopy Nurses Again Recognized

UMC’s Endoscopy nurses were recognized for the second time by the American Board of Certified Gastroenterology Nursing. They will be featured at the annual national Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA) conference later this year.

UMC’s Endoscopy team also recently received the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and has been awarded the ASGE’s Endoscopy



Unit Recognition Program’s Star of Quality.



From left to right are UMC’s widely recognized Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurses: Hannah Villanueva, Claudia Acuna, Griselda Loya, Cecilia Martinez, Veronica Davitt, and Berenice Hernandez. Not pictured but included is Lourdes Naval.



Linda Valles

Linda Valles Retires From UMC After 30 Years

Later this month, UMC’s Linda Valles retires after 30 years of service to our hospital and patients. While she currently works in Patient Financial Services, she has worked in Emergency registration, security and others. “I will miss the beautiful friendships I have made over all the years working here,” said Linda. “There are so many patients as well from UMC/Texas Tech that still come looking for me. I have a second family here, I know I can count on their beautiful

smiles every day. The one great memory that stands out is when I started in the Emergency department. I was exposed to so many new things and the Trauma department was amazing. My years here have been filled with beautiful friendships, so much training and always learning new things every day, experiences that I will carry in my heart for the rest of my life."

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