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## CMC Announces Expansion Plans

**Carlsbad, NM – April 17, 2009** – Carlsbad Medical Center announced this week plans for a \$15 million improvement and expansion project that will include renovation of the hospital's O.B. unit, expansion of the O.R., remodeling of the front lobby and new equipment.

"We are very excited about the upcoming expansion project," said Janet Carbary, Carlsbad Medical Center CEO. "Since 2004, Carlsbad Medical Center has reinvested \$35 million in improvements and expansions to our facilities. This project will enable us to add more operating rooms and make much-needed upgrades to our O.B. unit, helping us to better serve the needs of our patients here in southeastern New Mexico."

According to Carbary, the expansion of the O.R. will include an addition of 13,000 square feet, or four operating rooms, for a total of eight rooms and 23,000 square feet. To accommodate for the new operating rooms, the hospital's Materials Management department and inpatient laboratory will be moved to a new building that will soon be built behind the Medical Administrative Services (MAS) building, adjacent to the hospital campus.

With no major upgrades since the hospital was built in 1977, the renovation of the O.B. unit on the hospital's second floor is expected to play a large role in both patient and physician satisfaction. "We will be adding three large LDRs (Labor, Delivery, Recovery) rooms and updating the post-partum rooms, which will help suit the needs of both our physicians and our patients," said Carbary. "This will be very good news to the women of Carlsbad and their families. We want this to be a family-friendly hospital."

Visitors to the hospital can also look forward to a major renovation of the front lobby. "Our goal is to make the hospital lobby much more inviting, by improving the visibility of the information desk and providing more space for better traffic flow," said Carbary.

Architects are currently working on the plans for the project, with an expected groundbreaking in Fall 2009. The project is expected to be complete by Fall 2010.

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### **About Carlsbad Medical Center**

Carlsbad Medical Center (CMC) is a full-service, 127-bed community hospital, celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2007 with completion of a \$12 million facility expansion project. New and enhanced services include a larger Intensive Care Unit, Outpatient Diagnostic Center, 64-slice CT scanner, PET/CT, all-digital imaging system, and Level III Trauma Care Center designation. CMC is carrying on a proud legacy by providing the community with quality medical, surgical and restorative patient care. Learn more at [www.carlsbadmedicalcenter.com](http://www.carlsbadmedicalcenter.com).