

OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER ACQUISITION:
UKHS ST. FRANCIS CAMPUS AND TALLGRASS SURGICAL CENTER CLOSE TRANSACTION

TOPEKA, Kansas (May 31, 2019) – The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus (St. Francis Campus) and Tallgrass Surgical Center announced today that they have completed the transaction for the hospital’s acquisition of the surgery center.

“With the addition of the Tallgrass Surgery Center to our family, we can offer patients more convenience, better access to care, and more healthcare delivery options,” commented St. Francis Campus CEO Steve Anderson. “Tallgrass Surgical Center is a first-class surgical facility offering quality patient care provided by professionals dedicated to service excellence. We welcome them and look forward to continuing to expand our many outpatient surgical options.”

Dr. Benedict Figuerres, Tallgrass president and an orthopedic surgeon, stated, “Since our founding seventeen years ago, we have provided award-winning patient experiences. By becoming part of the St. Francis Campus, we will offer our patients and surgeons seamless access to the resources of a major hospital and will improve the coordination of care across all settings.”

Tallgrass is a multispecialty surgery center that houses three operating rooms and one procedure room. Its specialty focus includes general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, pain management, plastic surgery, podiatry, retinal procedures, urology, and weight loss surgery.

About The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus

The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus is proud to be a part of a long legacy of high-quality, compassionate care. St. Francis Hospital began serving its community in 1909 as the mission of a group of Catholic nuns who rose up to meet a need. Today, St. Francis Campus is jointly owned by The University of Kansas Health System and Ardent Health Services. It has 378 licensed inpatient beds, 14

primary and specialty care clinic locations, and a history of technological advancements and dedicated staff.

About Tallgrass Surgical Center

Tallgrass Surgical Center opened as a freestanding multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center in December 2002. It is independently owned by a group of physicians and was designed to reflect the way they would want to be treated as patients. The center offers a warm and comfortable setting with friendly, personal attention intended to reduce the apprehension frequently associated with surgery.

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