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## **Ochsner Health System Celebrates Opening of New West Campus Location**

**Major milestone in the \$360 million expansion along the  
Jefferson Highway Healthcare Corridor**

**NEW ORLEANS** – Today, Ochsner Health System (Ochsner) celebrated the opening of the new West Campus, a major milestone in the [\\$360 million expansion](#) to its Jefferson Highway campus. Local and state government officials including Jefferson Parish President Mike Yenni, Jefferson Parish Councilman District 2 Paul Johnston and Louisiana Economic Development Deputy Secretary Brad Lambert, as well as several partner organizations, joined together to commemorate the addition of this significant landmark to the Jefferson Highway Healthcare Corridor.

“As a national and global destination for healthcare, the revitalization of the new West Campus illustrates Ochsner’s commitment to developing new and innovative models of care so we can save and change more lives,” said Warner Thomas, President and CEO, Ochsner Health System.

The newly-created West Campus is situated on eight acres and boasts a five-story, 130,000 square-foot building that offers a skilled nursing facility, an inpatient rehabilitation hospital and a long-term acute care unit in one place. The state-of-the-art facility will ensure patients receive integrated, post-acute care upon discharge from the hospital.

A skilled nursing unit with 30 beds will provide highly-skilled medical care for patients working through a short-term rehabilitation or for those patients suffering with a chronic condition that require longer term care.

The Ochsner Rehabilitation Hospital in partnership with Select Medical – a national leader in inpatient rehabilitation – features 56 inpatient rehabilitation beds, including eight beds dedicated to brain injury patients. The new hospital employs approximately 185 therapists, nurses and other specialists. It will serve as a regional destination for patients recovering from stroke, neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injuries, amputation and specific diagnoses associated with transplant, cardiac, cancer and orthopedic conditions.

“We’re looking forward to partnering with Ochsner in providing exceptional rehabilitation patient care to the greater Jefferson Parish community,” said Select Medical Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital Division President Jeffrey Ruskan. “It’s exciting to be part of Ochsner’s revitalization efforts in this area and to be in on the ground floor of developing a world-class health system, delivering top-notch specialty post-acute care.”

The Ochsner Extended Care Hospital, staffed by 85 employees, is a long-term acute care unit designed to provide care for the most critically-ill patients. The new unit is a joint venture with LHC Group and includes 32 private rooms with state-of-the-art equipment – five of those rooms are dedicated to patients who require critical care observation.

“Ochsner has been one of our most valued healthcare partners for many years, and a name recognized and respected across the healthcare industry,” said Keith Myers, LHC Group chairman and CEO. “We are proud to join them once again and play a part in this outstanding addition to the Jefferson Highway Healthcare Corridor. Working together, we will bring a higher level of care to the patients and families who depend on us.”

As part of this project, the Jefferson Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) integrated Ochsner into the Jefferson EDGE 2020 economic development strategic plan, which served as a roadmap for success in the redevelopment of the Jefferson Plaza Shopping Center. JEDCO convened a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to study the best possible use for the Jefferson Highway Healthcare Corridor, generating recommendations that have been implemented into an overall strategy for the area. JEDCO continues to work with Ochsner to identify funding sources for enhancements near the campus.

Earlier this month, Ochsner announced an [education alliance agreement with Chamberlain University](#) that includes the opening of a new Chamberlain University College of Nursing campus on the West Campus. This new location within the Whitney Building is the first in Louisiana for Chamberlain University and they are currently accepting applications for admission to the spring semester.

“We are thrilled to begin this exciting new chapter through an educational alliance with Ochsner Health System,” said Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, MSN, RN-BC President, Chamberlain University College of Nursing at Ochsner Health System. “Together, we will focus on improving patient care through strong academic-service collaboration in areas like evidence-based practice, nursing research, interprofessional education and care teams, and testing new models for transitioning Chamberlain students into nursing practice.”

The construction costs for the redevelopment of the site and the development of the building totaled \$54.2 million.

For more information on the West Campus, visit <https://www.ochsner.org/locations/ochsner-west-campus>.

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### **About Ochsner Health System**

*Ochsner Health System is Louisiana’s largest non-profit, academic, healthcare system. Driven by a mission to Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate, coordinated clinical and hospital patient care is provided across the region by Ochsner’s 30 owned, managed and affiliated hospitals and more than 80 health centers and urgent care centers. Ochsner is the only Louisiana hospital recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a “Best Hospital” across four specialty categories caring for patients from all 50 states and more than 60 countries worldwide each year. Ochsner employs more than 18,000 employees and over 1,200 physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties, and conducts more than 700 clinical research studies. Ochsner Health System is proud to be a tobacco-free environment. For more information, please visit [ochsner.org](http://ochsner.org) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.*

### **About Select Medical Holdings Corporation**

*Select Medical began operations in 1997 and has grown to be one of the largest operators of long term acute care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics and occupational health centers in the United States based on the number of facilities. As of December 31, 2017, Select Medical operated 100 long term acute care hospitals in 27 states, 24 inpatient rehabilitation facilities in 10 states and 1,616 outpatient rehabilitation clinics in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Select Medical’s joint venture subsidiary Concentra operated 312 occupational health centers in 38 states. Concentra also provides contract services at employer worksites and Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinics. At December 31, 2017, Select Medical had*

operations in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Information about Select Medical is available at [www.selectmedical.com](http://www.selectmedical.com).

**About LHC Group, Inc.**

*LHC Group, Inc. is a national provider of non-acute healthcare services, providing quality, cost-effective healthcare to patients primarily within the comfort and privacy of their home or place of residence. LHC Group provides a comprehensive array of healthcare services through home health, hospice, community-based services agencies and facility-based services. LHC Group operates 320 home health services locations, 92 hospice locations, 12 community-based service locations and 14 long-term acute care hospitals (LTACHs).*

**Chamberlain University**

*Chamberlain University is a member of Adtalem Global Education (NYSE: ATGE), a global education provider headquartered in the United States. The organization's purpose is to empower students to achieve their goals, find success and make inspiring contributions to our global community. Chamberlain University's mission is to educate, empower and embolden diverse healthcare professionals who advance the health of people, families, communities and nations. Chamberlain University is comprised of the College of Nursing, which offers a three-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and flexible post-licensure programs such as the RN to BSN option, Master of Science in Nursing degree program, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and graduate certificates, and the College of Health Professions, which offers a Master in Public Health degree program. To learn more, visit [chamberlain.edu](http://chamberlain.edu).*

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*Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended Chamberlain College of Nursing can be found at [chamberlain.edu/ge](http://chamberlain.edu/ge)*