

Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center Breaks Ground on Tower Project

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Rendering courtesy of Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center

Local dignitaries gathered Nov. 10 to break ground on a \$244 million hospital tower that will expand Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center by 197,000 square feet and 138 patient rooms.

Ten of the 138 private patient rooms will be intensive care suites. There will also be five high-tech surgical suites and a rooftop café. The building's entrance and lobby will also be redesigned as part of the project.

"We're committed to expanding Sharp Chula Vista as this bi-national community continues to grow," said Sharp Chula Vista's CEO, Pablo Velez.

The project was earlier estimated to cost \$239 million. Sharp said the price rose 2 percent because of a decision to build a hybrid operating room.

The tower is expected to open in 2019. On the design-build team are general contractor Hensel Phelps, architecture firm SmithGroupJJR and AVR P Studios, an architectural, planning and interior-design firm.