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## Stanford starts big dig

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Stanford Hospital & Clinics finally broke ground on its huge seismic rebuild and expansion project May 1, the latest milestone in a \$5 billion makeover of Stanford University's health care infrastructure.

The new 368-bed hospital structure, which will cost \$2 billion, will add 824,000 square feet to Stanford Hospital and bring its inpatient capacity to 600 beds (after other older rooms are taken out of service). Current totals are 1.4 million square feet and 475 staffed beds, said spokeswoman Courtney Lodato.

The broader \$5 billion reconfiguration also expands ER and ICU departments at Stanford Hospital, spends \$1.1 billion to expand Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, replaces numerous Stanford University School of Medicine labs, and has already completed a \$50 million renovation of the historic Hoover Pavilion, turning part of it into a primary care clinic. A big chunk of the \$5 billion goes to other hospital retrofit, renovation and upgrade work.

Stanford Hospital expects construction of its new inpatient building to be finished in mid-2017. Patient care there will begin early the following year. Lucile Packard's new structure should be completed in 2016.

Leading the parade: Stanford Hospital & Clinics' President and CEO Amir Dan Rubin, M.D.; university President John Hennessy and Lucile Packard boss Christopher Dawes.

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