The UC Davis Rehabilitation Hospital

Fact Sheet

- UC Davis Health and Kindred Healthcare – a highly experienced, post-acute care entity with a national portfolio – are partnering to build a brand new hospital on the university’s Sacramento campus. It will be called “The UC Davis Rehabilitation Hospital.”

- This new hospital is within the footprint of the university’s recently announced project known as Aggie Square, which will be an innovation hub on UC Davis’ Sacramento campus. Aggie Square is intended to leverage the university’s strengths in order to catalyze economic change and serve as a model public-private partnership for increasing technology transfer and creating opportunities for residents in the local community and beyond.

- The UC Davis Rehabilitation Hospital will have 40 patient beds, twice as many as the current 19-bed rehabilitation unit at UC Davis Medical Center.

- Construction costs for the facility are an estimated $60 million, with Kindred Healthcare providing the entire construction investment. No California taxpayer monies or UC funds are being used.

- This new hospital will employ approximately 200 people. Employees will include nurses, doctors, physical therapists and clerical staff. Current UC Davis staff may apply to join the Kindred care team at the new facility or remain with UC Davis Medical Center.

- The hospital will be located at the corner of 49th Street and Broadway in downtown Sacramento, which is currently the site of an unoccupied university-owned building that will be demolished.

- This will be a care facility dedicated to adult patients, who may include Medi-Cal beneficiaries as well as patients covered by other contracted health insurance providers. Pediatric in-patient rehabilitation services will remain in the UC Davis Medical Center.

- California’s seismic safety requirements, which have looming deadlines as early as 2020, are forcing the closure of the current rehabilitation care unit in the UC Davis Medical Center, and the identification of an alternative, post-acute care facility for patients.

- The current inpatient rehabilitation space is scattered across six areas in two different buildings at the medical center. The current facility’s semi-private rooms and lack of amenities don’t meet patient or clinician expectations and needs for modern facilities.

- A UC Davis Health review panel, which included department physicians, came together in 2016 to rigorously assess the four options available: Close the lines of service, move
the lines of service to another part of the hospital, partner with an outside company to provide the services outside the hospital, or build our own outpatient hospital.

- The panel ultimately determined that partnering with an inpatient organization allowed the health system to maintain its level I Trauma designation, regional presence in neurological sciences, continue to comply with capital-intensive seismic improvement required, meet the needs of a growing and aging community, maintain its medical residency programs and bring new investment and expanded levels of service into the community.

- A request for proposals prompted six submissions, with Kindred Healthcare best meeting all of the university’s partnership criteria.

- Most of the construction will take place in 2019. UC Davis and Kindred officials anticipate opening the new hospital in the latter part of 2020.