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## Westerville Medical Campus *Expansion Overview*

OhioHealth is excited to share plans to expand the Westerville Medical Campus. The expansion will consist of a two-story medical office building that includes an Emergency Department (ED), enhanced cardiology services and other specialty services.

### Why are we expanding?

All of our decisions about growth are driven by the healthcare needs of the community - with support from our patients, our physicians and community members. As the city expands, and healthcare reform and the need for primary care increases, more pressure will be put on existing resources - access to healthcare will be a concern for Westerville.

### Why an Emergency Department?

All EDs in central Ohio are at near capacity right now. This ED will be similar in scope to a hospital-based ED and will relieve some of the long waits resulting from overcrowded emergency departments.

A helipad will be included in the project as a safety measure in the rare case when a patient needs to be transported OUT of the facility to a Trauma Center.

### Do we need a helicopter pad?

Although we will have a dedicated mobile ICU unit onsite to transport patients, in rare situations a helicopter transport could be needed. **We anticipate just 2-3 helicopter landings per year** for certain patients who may require urgent transport from the ED to a critical care hospital.

OhioHealth believes the financial investment of a dedicated landing space is worth it, to ensure safety for those rare emergency situations when someone needs to be transported by helicopter.

### What about ambulance traffic?

The majority of patients arrive at an ED by their own transportation, and on average, **5% of patients arrive by ambulance**. This will be about 3-5 ambulance arrivals per day at the Westerville Medical Campus.

### Show your support.

The Westerville City Council will vote on the approval of this valuable community asset on Tuesday, January 4, 2011. You can send an e-mail expressing your support of OhioHealth's expansion to City Council through the City's website at [www.Westerville.org](http://www.Westerville.org).

If you have additional questions, please contact Jean Halpin, Director of Operations, at (614) 533-3001.