

Another great resource for surgery

At Southern Regional, we strive to offer healthcare services in a variety of comfortable and convenient settings. That's why, in 1991, we partnered with local doctors to create an outpatient surgery center called the Surgery Center at Mt. Zion.

The center offers surgery, pain management and diagnostic testing services not requiring overnight monitoring and is an alternative to having these procedures performed at the hospital.

While Southern Regional's main facility is always an option, a specialized healthcare facility, such as the Surgery Center at Mt. Zion, can be more suitable for certain procedures.

"Oftentimes, it's convenient for patients requiring low-risk procedures to meet their physicians at our smaller facility," says Melody Mena, director of Surgical Services for the Surgery Center and Southern Regional. "The parking is convenient, the waiting rooms are comfortable and close to the surgery rooms, and our specialized focus keeps operations moving smoothly."

Patient care and convenience drive every aspect of the Surgery Center. For example, in 2006, the center became a paperless office—all patient data and business are handled electronically. Not only does

this increase accuracy of patient information, but the move also increased efficiency, leaving doctors with more time for patient care.

"It's beneficial to have an outpatient facility like the Surgery Center at Mt. Zion for those in generally good health who require more routine procedures," says Jeffery Kunkes, M.D., otolaryngologist. "With trauma and critical cases handled by the hospital, an outpatient surgery center can focus on creating a friendly, caring environment for the patient and their family." ■



For more information, visit www.surgerycenteratmtzion.com.

Quality and Convenience

Focused on care, the Surgery Center at Mt. Zion boasts:

- A 98 percent satisfaction rating from patients and families of patients in 2007. "They just don't come nicer than the staff at Mt. Zion," says one patient.
- No preoperative visits: Surgical preassessments are completed online or by phone.
- Quick reunification with families after surgery.



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