

# Rapid City Regional Hospital

In the early 1970s, a seven-member Hospital Action Committee set forth to merge two Rapid City Hospitals, St. John's McNamara and Bennett Clarkson Memorial. The result of their hard work was the creation of the not-for-profit and Rapid City Regional Hospital in 1973. On December 1, 1979, the new hospital, located at 353 Fairmont Boulevard, officially opened its doors.

"The Rapid City Regional Hospital of today is a direct reflection of the excellent foresight, leadership, and community involvement that began with the Hospital Action Committee," says Hospital President/CEO Adil Ameer. "That committee's courage and vision continues to benefit the community and region. It is one of the primary reasons we've been able to develop the comprehensive scope of services offered to the people of our region."



Rapid City Regional Hospital has grown to serve the needs of people within a 250-mile radius of Rapid City, including the Black Hills, western South Dakota, and areas of Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and Nebraska. The hospital's dedication to preserving and strengthening health care for people in this area has been further demonstrated by its networking efforts. The not-for-profit, community based organization owns, manages, or leases more than 15 health care facilities and eight hospitals in western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming.

As an involved partner in the Rapid City and Black Hills community, Rapid City Regional Hospital and its employees are proud of the role they play, their professional accomplishments, quality of service provided, consistency and value in price, plus corporate and employee civic participation.

The Rapid City Regional Hospital has evolved to offer a cast array of services provided by nearly 3,400 employees. "The employees are our driving force and strength," explains Richard Haeder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Employees are encouraged to be ambassadors of the hospital in all they do, building and fostering positive relationships in their communities and their professional lives."

As the hospital grows, existing services are enhanced and new programs are added. One recent addition is that of a LifeFlight helicopter service, which within its first seven months helped transport more than 250 critically injured patients. Patients benefit from many other services and programs including: surgery, cancer care, advanced heart care, behavioral health, diagnostic imaging, dialysis services, adult and intensive care, neonatal intensive care, pediatrics care, rehabilitation services, emergency services, pain management, home health care and hospice, same-day surgery, sleep disorder services, senior care, and assisted living.

"Rapid City truly has become a regional medical center," said Fred Whiting, a member of the Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. "We offer state-of-the-art facilities, advanced treatment options, as well as trained and compassionate personnel who make staying in Rapid City a very viable option."

## Black Hills Regional Eye Institute

Visitors to the Black Hills might be surprised to learn that Rapid City is home to the region's largest and most notable center for eye care, the Black Hills Regional Eye Institute. The Institute has been providing top quality eye care to the region's residents and visitors alike for nearly 20 years.

The Eye Institute's physicians are all board-certified ophthalmologists with extensive training and experience in their areas of expertise. Prema Abraham, MD, the Institute's medical director, said, "It is wonderful to be part of such a fine group of eye care professionals and to be able to bring state-of-the-art eye care to the people of Rapid City and the region.

Among the Eye Institute's services are: treatment of eye injuries, laser treatment of various eye disorders, and highly specialized testing of diseases such as glaucoma, retinal diseases, and neuro-ophthalmologic problems.

The Eye Institute also houses a sophisticated center for the evaluation and treatment of low vision disorders such as macular degeneration. A full-service optical shop is also available.

All forms of eye surgery are performed at the Institute's fully licensed and certified Eye Surgery Center, including cataract and intra-ocular lens implant surgery, retinal, glaucoma, oculoplastic, eye muscle surgery, and more. In addition, the Institute has a highly sophisticated Laser Correction Center where modern procedures such as LASIK, LASEK, and Bi-Optic procedures are performed.



## RAPID CITY HOSPITALS AND SURGICAL CENTERS

### RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL

- Not-for-profit regional medical center.
- Regional Hospital provides care to all people, regardless of ability to pay.
- 511,210 square foot facility licensed for 310 acute-care and 56 psychiatric beds.
- 14 operating rooms.



### REGIONAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTE

- Regional Rehabilitation Institute is a 51-bed facility and outpatient clinic.
- Physical therapy and sports medicine, industrial rehabilitation, hand rehabilitation, pediatric rehabilitation, speech – language pathology and audiology, industrial hearing services, occupation/recreational therapy, neuropsychology, and rehabilitation psychology, regional pain management center.



### BLACK HILLS SURGERY CENTER

At Black Hills Surgery Center, the experience is more like an overnight stay in a luxury hotel rather than an ordeal in a hospital ward. Patients are encouraged to invite a family member to stay with them in their private suite.

- 8-bed, 3-operating room facility with room for four.
- Black Hills Surgery Center has the only open MRI in South Dakota.



### RAPID CITY MEDICAL CENTER

The Rapid City Medical Center has a dedicated team of quality doctors, nurses and support staff. Services offered are: Allergy Clinic, asthma clinic, audiology, bone density testing, CT scan, dermatology, ear, nose & throat, family practice, gastroenterology, infusion clinic, internal medicine, laboratory, mammography, medical imaging, obstetrics and gynecology, occupational medicine & urgent care, ophthalmology, optometry, podiatry, pulmonary function lab, pulmonology, radiology, rheumatology, surgery, ultrasound, urgent care

### SAME-DAY SURGERY CENTER

- Freestanding, not-for-profit outpatient surgery department of the Rapid City Regional Hospital.
- Licensed as a four-bed, for-profit specialty hospital.
- Does not deny services to anyone regardless of ability to pay.
- 24,101 square-foot outpatient facility with four operating rooms, one procedure room with space to add one additional operating room.

