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**San Angelo Community Medical Center Acquires Surgery Center**

SAN ANGELO, TX (February 2, 2009) --- San Angelo Community Medical Center (SACMC) is proud to announce it has acquired San Angelo Ambulatory Surgery Center, a freestanding outpatient day surgery facility located near the hospital's campus. SACMC will begin operation of its new facility today and it will be renamed Community Surgery Center.

"Community Surgery Center will offer a convenient location for patients to access outpatient surgical procedures," said Brad Holland, SACMC chief executive officer. "We are pleased to bring this investment in outpatient surgery into the continuum of high quality services already provided by our hospital. Our plan is to offer a first class, customer-oriented day surgery experience."

The Center is expected to offer an array of outpatient surgical procedures in areas such as gastroenterology, gynecology, urology and orthopedics as well as others. The Center is also planning to add advancements in technology. SACMC will add an additional 18 positions to its payroll through this acquisition. "This is just one example of our plans for 2009," said Holland. "Our focus is to continue to bring the services, physician specialties and technology our community has come to expect."

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