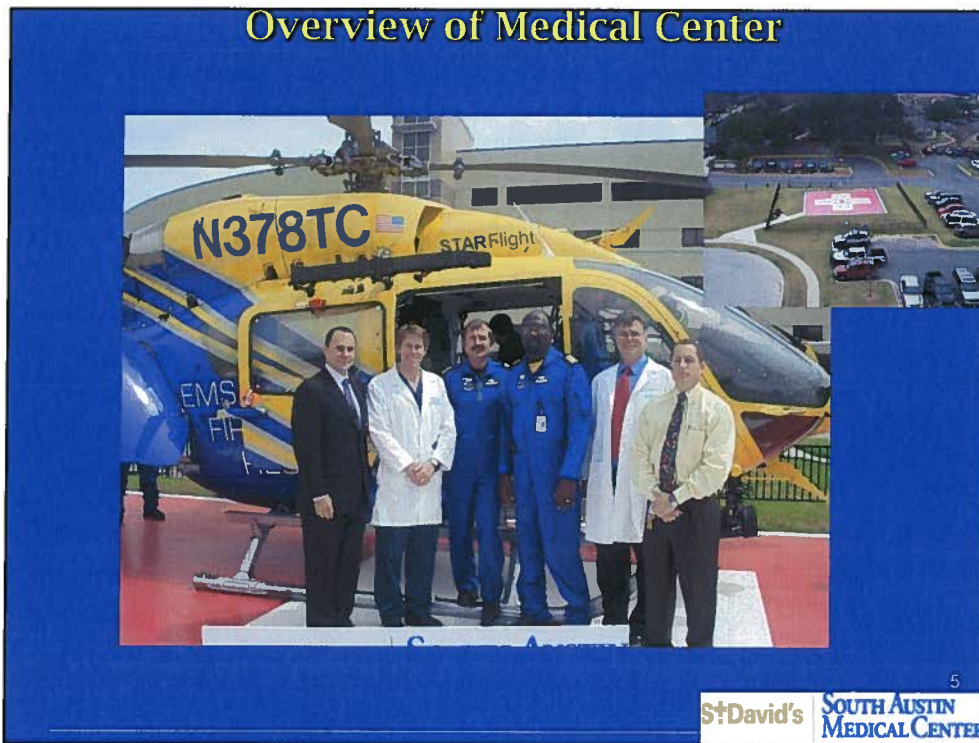


## Overview of Medical Center



St. David's South Austin Medical Center is a licensed 252-bed facility, dedicated to serving Austin and surrounding communities with state-of-the-art medical technology and a warm, personal approach to health care. Established in 1982 and a member of St. David's HealthCare, South Austin Medical Center completed a major expansion in 2004 that doubled the size of the Emergency Department and added a comprehensive Heart Center, additional medical/surgical beds, and a new Intensive Care Unit.

St. David's South Austin Medical Center offers a comprehensive cardiac program, a fully renovated maternity unit with Level 1 and Level 2 nurseries, and 24-hour emergency care. The hospital was recognized through several different awards:

- Solucient, *100 Top Hospitals* (2003), *100 Top Hospitals for Cardiovascular Care* (2004, 2005)
- HealthGrades, *Best in Austin for Cardiac Care* (2002), *Best in Austin for General Surgery* (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Gastrointestinal Care Award of Excellence* (2007)
- Women's Services Award of Excellence* (2007, 2008)

For more information about South Austin Medical Center , please visit our website: [stdavids.com](http://stdavids.com)

We are a part of St. David's HealthCare which also includes Georgetown Hospital, Round Rock Medical Center, North Austin Medical Center, St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital, St. David's Medical Center, Heart Hospital of Austin and several surgery centers.

# Reflections on the Journey..the History

**S**outh Austin Hospital's history has been an eventful one. It began with a community success story that set the tone for everything else that followed. As we approach our 25th anniversary, we have compiled this list of milestones in celebration of of service to the community.

South Austin Hospital owes its presence to the concerned residents of South Austin. Although the Central Texas Health Systems Agency recommended against building a hospital in South Austin, local residents persisted. During 1980, two neighbors, Bill and Vergie Badger, gathered 3,400 signatures, while others wrote letters of support to the Austin American-Statesman, South Austin Herald, and Austin Citizen. Citizens' cars supported bumper stickers proclaiming, "We're Sick of Not Having a Hospital in South Austin." When the Texas Health Facilities Commission overruled the Agency, South Austin residents celebrated, erecting a sign proclaiming, "Site of South Austin Community Hospital...We Got It South Austin."

## Milestones:

**March 19, 1980** - HCA files for a certificate of need with the Texas Health Facilities Commission. The first board of trustees is announced: Dr. David Coulson, Dr. Rex Repass, Nan Clayton, Virgil Waggoner, Charles Goodnight and Hank Guererro.



**September 19, 1982** - Built by Hospital Corporation of America, South Austin Community Hospital opens as a 99-bed facility and accepts its first patient.

**September 20, 1982** - Our maternity staff celebrate the birth of Noah Munoz, the third child of Pete and Diana Munoz and the first baby born at South Austin Community Hospital. Baby Noah is given the middle name Sach, for South Austin Community Hospital.

**October 1983** - The grand opening of the South Austin Hospital Professional Building at Ben White and James Casey is celebrated.

**February 1984** - Administrator Michael Spurlock reports that the hospital is operating at capacity. Births are averaging 45 per month, ER visits 1,000 and OR cases - 200 per month.

**August 1991** - Groundbreaking takes place for a \$3.7 million Cardiovascular Center featuring a cath lab, open-heart surgery suites and a recovery unit.

**December 1991** - South Austin Medical Center reports 26,500 emergency room visits, 14,959 outpatient visits, 726 OB visits and 5,581 inpatient admissions for the year.

**April 1992** - Cardiovascular Center with Cath Lab and Cardiovascular Recovery Unit opens. The new heart center brings life-saving coronary care to residents of South Austin.

**September 1992** - Hospital announces renovations to add a new \$1.9 million wing featuring 26 private rooms including 16 telemetry beds for cardiac patients. With this expansion, the hospital will grow to 164 beds.

# of South Austin Hospital

**September 1994** - Hospital opens its new Emergency Department, doubling its area.

**May 1996** - Hospital becomes part of the HCA Joint Venture Partnership with St. David's Healthcare Partnership.

**November 1998** - Hospital opens a beautiful new Maternity unit with 6 new LDRs and nursing unit.

**July 2001** - South Austin Hospital adds a new Lightspeed CT Scanner and city's first all digital cath lab. Hospital is rated Best in Austin for Cardiac Care by HealthGrades. Our Emergency Department is voted Best in Austin, by Austin/Travis Count EMS.

**December 2001** - South Austin Hospital reports 1,330 births for the year, 49,939 ER visits, 11,153 inpatient admissions and 21,363 outpatient visits.

**March 2002** - South Austin Hospital announces a \$50 million expansion that will include a new state-of-the-art emergency room nearly double the current size, an expanded pharmacy and ICU, 34 additional medical/surgical beds and a comprehensive heart center. The expansion is scheduled to take 30 months to complete.

**September 19, 2002** - Happy 20th birthday South Austin Hospital!

**April 2003** - Hospital is recognized as a "100 Top Hospital" by Solucient on the basis of operational and clinical quality outcomes.

**May 2003** - Ground breaking occurs for \$50 million expansion project with an estimated completion date of May 2005.

**November 2004** - a new four-story medical tower located on the south side of the hospital is opened. It adds an additional 100,000 square feet of space and increases our beds to 251.

**November 2004** - South Austin Hospital is recognized as a Solucient "100 Top Hospital for Cardiovascular Excellence".

**November 2004** - South Austin Hospital receives the HealthGrades 2005 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence. This places SAH among the top 5% of hospitals nationwide for hospital-wide clinical excellence.

**November 2004** - Erol Akdamar joins the leadership team as CEO of South Austin Hospital.

**May 2005** - South Austin Hospital launches "At Your Request" room service dining for patients.

**May 2005** - Emergency Department expansion is complete, doubling the number of available beds.

**August 2005** - A new outpatient Rehab and physician specialty clinic opens in Lockhart.

**October 2005** - South Austin Hospital is named to the 100 Top Hospitals list for Cardiovascular Excellence (Solucient) for the second consecutive year.

**2006** - South Austin Hospital is named Best in Austin for General Surgery by HealthGrades.

**2007** - South Austin Hospital is recognized for the second consecutive year with an Award of Excellence in General Surgery by HealthGrades.

**2007** - South Austin Hospital is recognized with an Award of Excellence for Gastroenterology by HealthGrades.

**2007** - South Austin Hospital is recognized with a 2007 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Excellence in Patient Safety (top 5% of hospitals in the nation).

**2007** - South Austin Hospital is recognized with a "5 Star" rating for Excellence in Women's Health Services by HealthGrades.

**September 19, 2007** - South Austin Hospital's 25th anniversary!