

# Adventist hospitals advance plan for new cancer center One-stop outpatient location coming to Hinsdale March 11, 2013

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With the need for outpatient cancer services expected to grow by more than 30 percent over the next decade, two hospitals are moving forward with plans for a one-stop center in Hinsdale for cancer patients.

Christine Van De Wege, vice president of integrated services with Adventist La Grange and Adventist Hinsdale hospitals, said the two-story center is planned for Ogden and Salt Creek Lane, and construction may begin in late spring. The Adventist Cancer Institute will house an array of cancer-related services — including diagnostics, chemotherapy, radiation, surgical consultation, phlebotomy, massage therapy, rehabilitation, counseling and a chaplain.

"It makes things easier for the patients," Van De Wege said.

The center will have about 100 staff from the LaGrange and Hinsdale hospitals and include two medical oncology groups. The plan is to have extended hours during the week for patients who are able and want to continue working during their treatments, she said.

Robert McGinnis, director of community development in Hinsdale, said he doesn't foresee any problems with the plans.

"From the staff's perspective, it's not a really controversial use. There is a need for it. It's not adjacent to single-family homes," McGinnis said.

Three public information sessions introduced the community to the plans, he said.

Van De Wege said hospital officials began discussing the need for such a center in 2008, and in early 2011 floated the idea to a focus group. The public has been "incredibly welcoming," she said, based on the first two community forums.

The center's design is intended to blend into the village, she said.

"I think we have been proactive. It's an attractive building. We want to be respectful of the Hinsdale skyline," Van De Wege said.

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