

Springhill Medical Center History

1950-2017



In 1957, Dr. E.A. Hand constructed a new clinic with a 25-bed hospital at 1st St NE. The facility was named Springhill General Hospital. Joining Dr. Hand at the new hospital was Dr. Marvin Soileau. In 1958, the hospital was enlarged, adding a wing and an emergency department.

In 1962, Dr. Hand sold his interest in Springhill General Hospital to Dr. Marvin Soileau, Dr. Sam Holladay, and Dr. M.K. Morris. In 1963, an additional clinic and bed space was added, as well as a surgical area, obstetrics, kitchen space, and nursing facilities. In 1969, an additional physician, Dr. Charles Payne, joined the medical staff. That year also marked another milestone, the sale of the hospital to Extendicare, Inc. which later became Humana, Inc.

In 1974, 12 acres of property were purchased off of 11th St NE in order to construct a new physician's clinic and hospital. The new hospital would have approximately 46,000 square ft. under one roof. The hospital contained 80 beds, 76 for acute care and 4 for what was called concentrated care. The clinic opened in 1974 with the hospital opening the next year in 1975.

In 1983 several additions, including a six bed ICU unit, administrative office, nursing administration office, and physical therapy department were added. In addition, the emergency room was renovated and enlarged. In 1984, the hospital officially became Humana Hospital

Springhill. 1989 brought new advanced technology with the addition of a new CT unit and the addition of a clinic in Plain Dealing, LA.

In the mid 1990's, Humana changed its focus to insurance and the hospital came under the ownership of Galen Healthcare, Inc. The name of the hospital became Springhill Medical Center. Around 1995, the hospital was sold to Columbia Healthcare and shortly thereafter Columbia merged with HCA to form Columbia/HCA. Under the leadership of Columbia/HCA, Springhill Medical Center acquired a large home health agency covering most of NW Louisiana and added three rural health clinics in Cotton Valley, LA, Cullen, LA, and Taylor, AR. In the late 1990's, Columbia/HCA spun off LifePoint Hospitals, Springhill Medical Center became a part of the LifePoint group. It was during this time that the three rural health clinics were closed and the home health agency was sold to Louisiana Homecare.

In 2000, a group of local businessmen came together to form Springhill Medical Services, Inc. Springhill Medical Services, Inc. contacted LifePoint and offered to purchase the hospital. November 15, 2000 marked the return of the hospital and clinic to local ownership. In 2001, the hospital was made a stand-alone not-for-profit governed by a local board.

2002 saw a partnership with Christus Shumpert in Shreveport. This partnership aided the hospital by providing support services to the facility while still allowing the hospital to retain its local roots. 2006 brought about the addition of the North Webster Medical Clinic in the North Webster Industrial Park. The clinic was later certified a rural health clinic. In 2008, the Board of Directors of Springhill Medical Center voted to move management from Christus Shumpert to Willis Knighton Health Systems. Through a management agreement, Willis Knighton provides the hospital with an Administrator who serves as the Chief Executive Officer and provides operational guidance and supervision of the hospital.

Springhill Medical Services, Inc., is currently made up of Springhill Medical Center, a 58-bed hospital; two certified Rural Health Clinics – SMC Doctors Clinic and North Webster Medical Clinic; and an outpatient physical therapy clinic – Springhill Physical Therapy, LLC.