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CRAIG RANCH

Development to get hospital

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Cirrus Health said Thursday that it will build a specialty hospital and medical office center in McKinney's Craig Ranch development.

The 50,000-square-foot hospital and 60,000-square-foot medical office building will be located north of State Highway 121 on Alma Road, adjacent to the Michael Johnson Performance

Training Center at Craig Ranch.

Cirrus already has a surgical center in the complex.

"It's been so successful they have decided to build a full-fledged hospital," said developer David Craig.

The 28-bed hospital will have six operating suites, two procedure rooms, 16 private rooms and four ICU beds. There will also be a 450-space parking garage. The facility will open in late 2008.

"We have been researching growth in the area, and the results indicated developing a hospital to complement the ambulatory surgery center is the right next step," Taylor Wilson, Cirrus Health senior vice president, said in a statement.

The 2,000-acre Craig Ranch community is also home to the Cooper Aerobics Center and a new Cooper Clinic.

"It looks like McKinney might become a mecca for medial facil-

ities," Mr. Craig said. "It's amazing how this thing has taken off."

"The reality is I'm in the right geographic location at the right time."

Baylor Healthcare System and Methodist Health System this year have also announced plans for new hospitals in McKinney.

Craig Ranch is home to about 6,300 residents and is planned for a future population of 50,000.