

Walk-in surgery center to open in Bonita Springs

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A medical complex opening June 26 in Bonita Springs will mean urology patients will no longer have to go to Naples or Fort Myers for walk-in surgery.

The Naples-based Specialists in Urology partnership is opening a two-story, 12,500-square-foot medical building with two operating rooms.

The building replaces current offices for the group at the Bonita Bay Medical Centre in Bonita Springs.

Managing partner for the medical group, Dr. William Figlestahler, said the new Bonita Springs building will be a second main office.

"We will have two administrative teams, one in the Naples office and one in Bonita Springs," Figlestahler said.

"Three physicians will be fully based in the Bonita facility, with a separate surgery center and permanent patient records."

The construction project includes two mirror-image structures, located just west of Bill Smith Appliances and Electronics in Bonita Springs. The second building is for sale or lease.

Construction cost of the two buildings, before interior finish work, is about \$8 million.

Figlestahler said the new facility will have state-of-the-art equipment.

"There will be several types of lasers and other very high-tech equipment for minimally invasive surgery," he said.

Lead architect on the project is Dennis Escobar of the Fort Myers office of Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., a national consulting firm.

"The doctors wanted a building that reflects the character of their practice," Escobar said.

"The building is very modern-looking in stucco painted white with reflective glass panels and split-face masonry block," he said.

The idea, he said, is to have a building that is a landmark.

"This building is not typical Mediterranean Revival style that is seen so much in the area," Escobar said.