



The Future of Health Care

Health care is changing. When Tri-County Hospital was built 50 years ago, inpatient care accounted for 90 percent of our business, and the facility design reflected that care. Patients expected to stay multiple days and needed the right care and environment for their extended stay.

Better technology and enhanced practices have led to shorter hospital stays and allow many post-surgical patients to go home the same day. As a result, our inpatients now only account for 13 percent of our business. This shift means outpatient care is the primary focus.

We believe our patients deserve a facility that is as strong as the communities we serve and reflects the best quality of care they can receive, but the current facility does not meet these expectations. The existing facility, with its disjointed layout offering care in three separate buildings with multiple entry points, is landlocked on four acres and limited in flexibility and expansion possibilities. This isn't efficient or effective for supporting current or future needs.

In response to the changing health care climate, Tri-County Health Care, in conjunction with input from patients and the community, has designed a bold and forward-looking vision for the new health care center that will serve local communities for the next 50 to 100 years. The proposed facility will be located on a beautiful new property west of Wadena along Highway 10, bringing greater visibility and physically positioning Tri-County Health Care for future expansion as the needs of patients and the community evolve.

 **Tri-County Health Care**
is becoming **Astera Health**