

Hospital Historical Milestones



- 1942 Basic Magnesium Hospital is founded in Henderson, Nevada, by the U.S. government as part of the war effort to provide health care to the area's industrial workers and their families.

- 1945–1946 At the end of World War II, the U.S. government looks for a buyer. Upon prompting by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Mother General Mary Gerald of the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan, agrees that her Order should purchase and manage the hospital.

- 1947 The government sells the hospital to the Adrian Dominican Sisters for \$1 with the stipulation that the Sisters assume the hospital's debt and operate the hospital for 25 years. The facility is named Rose de Lima Hospital.

- 1955 Rose de Lima Hospital becomes the first hospital in southern Nevada to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

- 1956 The hospital is the first medical facility in the area to obtain a radio-isotope laboratory (nuclear medicine) and the first fully-accredited cancer treatment center.

- 1960 The hospital opens a new three-story patient wing along with a new emergency room, surgical suites and obstetrics unit.

- 1961 Rose de Lima establishes a 20-bed neuropsychiatric unit and becomes the first private hospital in the area to have a contract with State Mental Health.

- 1972 The hospital celebrates its 25th anniversary as a 100-bed inpatient facility with intensive care, physical therapy, inhalation therapy and diagnostic x-ray units.

- 1974 The word "Saint" is added to the hospital's name and the hospital becomes known as St. Rose de Lima. The government awards the final land title to the hospital.

- 1984 St. Rose opens the St. Rose Medical Services/Green Valley Office on Mountain Vista, a 31,000 square foot outpatient facility.

- 1988 St. Rose de Lima joins in co-sponsorship with Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic healthcare organization in the west.

- 1989 To honor the founding sisters, the hospital adds the word “Dominican” to its name, becoming St. Rose Dominican Hospital i
- 1991 Plans for a \$25 million, four-story expansion begin. Community leaders join medical professionals in designing new, state-of-the-art medical facilities, including labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum suites.
- 1992 St. Rose Dominican Hospital becomes the first hospital in the United States to install the GE Vectra 1.5T MR breast coil which tests the viability of silicone breast implants and questionable lumps found by mammograms.
- 1994 The St. Rose Dominican Medical Services Green Valley South Building (Pecos and Wigwam) opens. This facility houses private practice physicians and a Community Education classroom.
- 1994–1995 The hospital expands existing cardiology services to include a cardiac catheterization laboratory. After 24 months of successful fundraising, the Wiegand Cardiac Rehabilitation Center is opened.
- 1998 Ground is broken and blessed for a \$185 million medical facility – St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Siena Campus – an acute care facility that will eventually have 300 patient rooms. The current hospital is renamed St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Rose de Lima Campus.
- Twenty additional beds and two new surgical suites are added to the Rose de Lima Campus.
- The Greenspun Family Foundation donates \$3 million to St. Rose Dominican Hospital’s “The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence.” The Center addresses women’s unique wellness needs from a mind/body/spirit perspective, emphasizing education and informational resources.
- 1999 Hartwell Medical Center at Warm Springs and Shadow Crest/Spencer opens in March. The \$3.4 million center serves residents of southeast Las Vegas and Henderson with an array of physician’s offices, a diagnostic imaging center and a new St. Rose *UrgentCare* center.
- 2000 \$2.5 million expansion of the Rose de Lima Campus Emergency Department is completed, adding nine patient beds for a total of 23, an expanded waiting room and a larger, lighted helicopter pad.
- The first phase of St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, Siena Campus opens in July 2000 with 141 patient rooms, along with the Del E. Webb Medical Plaza.
- In November, the Joint Replacement Center is introduced at the Siena Campus
- With the opening of a second campus, the hospital system is renamed St. Rose Dominican Hospitals.
- 2001 In late December 2000, the State of Nevada approves St. Rose Dominican Hospitals’ Open Heart program at the Siena Campus. The first open heart surgery is performed on January 2, 2001.
- During the spring and summer of 2001, St. Rose introduces three new units that offer specialized care at the Siena Campus. The Chest Pain Unit monitors patients who present in the emergency room for up to 24 hours to determine cause of the pain and an

appropriate care plan. The Oncology Unit provides focused care in a separate area especially for oncology/cancer patients. The Post-Angioplasty Unit closely monitors and attends to the needs of patients who have just undergone an angioplasty in the hospital's Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

At the Rose de Lima Campus, St. Rose modifies its Transitional Care Unit into an Acute Rehabilitation Unit. The unit provides specialized care, including intense rehabilitation services, to patients who have suffered a severe or extended illness or injury.

- 2002 St. Rose celebrates the 55th anniversary of the Rose de Lima Campus and becomes the first hospital in Nevada to introduce the new PillCam Capsule Endoscopy technology which enables physicians to view the entire small intestine (21 feet) for better detection and diagnosis of conditions such as Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome and celiac disease.
- 2003 The St. Rose Dominican Hospitals – Siena Campus' fourth floor build out is completed in the fall. The \$20 million expansion includes 66 private patient rooms, a Pediatric Department/Pediatric ICU unit, an additional C-section surgery suite, an expanded pharmacy and other facility enhancements.
- 2004 The Siena Campus begins offering intracranial neurosurgery.
- Ground is broken and blessed for St. Rose Dominican Hospitals' third acute-care facility, the San Martín Campus, located in southwest Las Vegas.
- 2005 Advanced bi-plane radiology equipment and services are added at the Siena Campus.
- The St. Rose Dominican, Siena Campus receives Level III trauma designation.
- 2006 St. Rose Dominican Hospitals opens a third acute-care facility, the San Martín Campus, in southwest Las Vegas in November. The first phase of the four-floor hospital opens with 111 beds, a three-story medical office building and shelled space for an additional 90 beds.
- 2007 St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, Rose de Lima Campus celebrates its 60th anniversary with year-long festivities including a formal rededication ceremony.
- Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Units open at both the Rose de Lima and San Martín Campuses.
- Open Heart Surgery Center opens at the San Martín Campus.
- Siena Campus acquires the CHW system's first da Vinci[®] (robotic) Surgical System.
- The second Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence opens in southwest Las Vegas.
- 2008 Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) opens at the Siena Campus, allowing the hospital to provide the highest levels of care for the tiniest of patients.
- The San Martín Campus adds the new Volcano Intravascular Ultrasound (IVUS) system to its already extensive supply of advanced cardiology equipment.
- St. Rose begins the first in-home hospice services in Henderson.

- 2009 The San Martín Campus opened a new Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Center, featuring the only PAHI Hyperbaric Chambers in the valley.
- The Rose de Lima Campus Wound Healing Center became the first – and only – in Nevada to receive UHMS (Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society) certification.
- 2010 Construction begins on the emergency and operating rooms at the Siena Campus.
- The Siena Campus receives certification from the Joint Commission on its Primary Stroke Center and its Joint Replacement Unit.
- 2011 Rose de Lima Campus completes an expansion/renovation of its Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility doubling the number of beds from 14 to 28.
- Siena Campus opens St. Rose Center for Neurosurgery in collaboration with Stanford Hospital and Clinics.
- 2012 Catholic Healthcare West, the fifth largest health system in the nation, changed its name to Dignity Health.
- A new hybrid operating suite opened at the Siena Campus. One of the first in Nevada, it provides a state-of-the-art setting where a patient's multiple health issues can be diagnosed and treated in one place and at one time.
- Construction of the five-story hospital tower and four-story parking garage began in July.
- In November, St. Rose successfully deployed a fully-integrated electronic health record (HER) system, which allowed clinical staff to share access to patient medical records.
- 2013 The St. Rose/Stanford Hospital & Clinics affiliation is expanded to include the Cardio-vascular & Thoracic Surgery Program.
- The Level III NICU expansion at Siena, increasing the number of beds from 19 to 30, was completed in July.
- Construction began on an expansion of the Siena Campus, which included a new hospital tower that would double the capacity of the Emergency Room's capacity and add nearly 100 additional inpatient beds.
- 2014 San Martin Campus became the first Baby-Friendly hospital in southern Nevada.
- 2015 Siena Campus became the second Baby-Friendly hospital in southern Nevada.
- Siena's Dominican Tower opens; the expansion includes nearly 100 patient beds, an expanded Emergency Department, six new operating suites. Siena's bed capacity is now 326.
- 2016 Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican announced a joint venture partnership with Emerus to build multiple neighborhood hospitals throughout southern Nevada.
- 2017 Select Medical and Dignity Health form a joint venture to build an acute inpatient rehabilitation hospital on the Siena Campus.
- Four Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican neighborhood hospitals open in Las Vegas (the first in June and the last in December).

Rose de Lima Campus celebrates its 70th anniversary of serving the Henderson community.

Dignity Health signs a definitive agreement with Catholic Health Initiatives to combine ministries and create a new, nonprofit Catholic health system that would provide services in 28 states.

2018 Dignity Health Nevada's first Urgent Care Center opened at the Pavilion in Henderson.

Clean, renewable energy came to the San Martín and Siena Campuses with the installation of solar panels covering 720 and 430 parking spaces, respectively. The projects offset the environmental impact of 533,857 gallons of gasoline or nearly 1,016 cars each year.

2019 Dignity Health Rehabilitation Hospital opens on the Siena Campus. The 60-bed, all-private-room medical rehabilitation hospital located unites Select Medical's highly regarded medical rehabilitation expertise with Dignity Health's world-class, compassionate clinical care.

Rose de Lima Campus completes a two-year transition to a small hospital, maintaining St. Rose Dominican's commitment, while adjusting services to meet the needs of the area. Rose de Lima Campus becomes host to more than 100 market employees providing area-wide support.

Three new Dignity Health Wellness Centers open at Neighborhood Hospital Campuses across the Las Vegas Valley – Blue Diamond, North Las Vegas, and West Flamingo.

2021 Siena and San Martin become the first acute care hospitals in Nevada to achieve certification as Centers of Excellence in Robotic Surgery.

2022 June 23, 2022 - St. Rose Dominican celebrates the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the original seven Adrian Dominican Sisters who traveled by train from Michigan in 1947 to operate Rose Dominican Hospital in Henderson. Their mission and ministry still lives today through the compassionate care of the thousands of medical professionals and staff who work every day at Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican facilities throughout southern Nevada.

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