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Palo Alto Responds to Patients Needs

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Change is occurring in modern health care more rapidly now than any time in our history. Rural health care, combined with rapidly changing demographics, may be the challenge of the decade. At Palo Alto County Health System (PACHS) in Emmetsburg, Iowa one thing never changes; their solid commitment to offer the best health care available.

Henkel Construction Company was hired in 1998 by PACHS to act as construction manager for a significant renovation project that was over budget. Henkel's pre-construction team developed innovative ways to achieve the hospitals' goals to everyone's satisfaction.

For their next project PACHS decided to have Henkel and Accörd Architecture deliver the project on a design and construction management basis. Planning discussions began late summer 2005, schematic designs and construction estimates were completed in early November 2005, design development started in January 2006, and phased construction started in September 2006.

Improvements to the facility will include a conversion from semi-private to private rooms, renovations to improve patient flow in outpatient surgery, and a complete dietary renovation and dining room upgrade. Mechanical and electrical systems are also being upgraded to current standards and the facility will receive an architectural facelift.

When asked about the process, Deb Davis - Palo Alto County Health Systems - Director of Support Services said, “The team atmosphere that developed between Accörd Architecture, Henkel Construction Company, and our staff has been very productive. The facility currently under construction will improve our service and patient flow and improve the patient stay experience. Also we were able to solve potential operations, scheduling, and construction issues *before* construction started.”

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