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## Bronx firm to build new hospital facility

Montefiore Medical Center will occupy a 93,000-square-foot, one-stop health care facility to be built in Riverdale by an arm of Bronx-based Simone Development, builder of the big Hutchinson Metro Center medical complex in Pelham Bay.

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Montefiore Medical Center will open a new one-stop health-care facility in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

Montefiore Medical Center announced plans to open a new site in the leafy Riverdale section of the Bronx. The facility will be a one-stop health-care facility combining urgent, primary and specialty care, including cardiology, nephrology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, cancer infusion and radiology services. The facility will be leased from Bronx-based Simone Healthcare Development.

Montefiore will operate the site in partnership with Westmed Practice Partners, which will provide administrative and technological support, as well as operational and financial services.

"Montefiore and Westmed continue to be innovators in the hospital industry, leading the way toward the new outpatient service focused model," Joseph Simone, Simone Development's president, said in a statement. "We're pleased to contribute to the future of health care by working with one of New York's finest medical professionals in the planning, development, and management of new ambulatory care facilities."

Simone acquired the Riverdale site and will build an 11-story, 93,000-square-foot medical building to Montefiore's specifications. Construction is scheduled to start Nov. 1 and take about 18 months. Montefiore and Simone also are developing what they call the first "hospital without beds," a 280,000-square-foot building at the Hutchinson Metro Center campus in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx. Scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2014, that building will house an ambulatory surgery center with 12 operating rooms and four procedure rooms, an imaging center, onsite laboratory services, a pharmacy, and primary and specialty care practices. It will also boast the first Marriott Hotel in the Bronx.