



San Luis Valley
Regional Medical Center
"Because you deserve the best"

2001: Russ Johnson becomes Chief Executive Officer of SLVRMC

Many colleagues and members of the Alamosa economic and business community refer to Russ as "visionary." Prior to joining SLVRMC in Alamosa, Russ served as chief operating officer for Edinburg Regional Medical Center in South Texas. In addition Russ served as assistant administrator for operations for St. Luke's Northland Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Russ began his career at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids Iowa where he worked with the hospital to develop a partnership of 13 hospitals in eastern Iowa who collaborated on a variety of services and programs.



A message from our CEO Russ Johnson
It is great people, not great ideas or equipment, or plans that make us a great hospital. When we provide outstanding care to those who come to us, it is because of the knowledge, expertise, commitment and determination of our employees. Combining expertise and experience is the key to great service and allows us to create healthier, happier families, friends and communities. And that's what we're here for.

2002: Partnership to preserve healthcare in Conejos County formed

Financial and management service agreements were developed to include La Jara & Antonito Clinics and Conejos County Hospital. This action preserved over 70 full time jobs.



Conejos County Hospital
Affiliate of SLV Regional Medical Center

New beginnings...
Conejos County Hospital has undergone a transformation to provide total patient satisfaction experience.

CCH new hires
• all private rooms
• new state-of-the-art X-Ray room and CT scan room
• our nursing staff is nationally trained through a program called *Transforming Care at the Bedside*

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Stop by and see what's new at CCH!

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2003: The SLVRMC Foundation Board officially registered

In 2003, the "operating board" worked collaboratively with the "uptown" board to create a more effective ownership and governance model. At that time, the operating board became the official governing body for the hospital as it had been in practice for many years. The uptown board was converted to a foundation board and augmented with an additional 8 to 10 members. This restructuring created clear lines of responsibility and authority between all the parties and established the now very successful SLV Health Foundation.

2005: Volunteer Ambassador program and ambulatory services begin

The volunteer Ambassador program officially formed when the new ambulatory services were added. They overlapped with the Gray Ladies until Hazel Petty and Eleanor Mickelsen stepped down in 2014.



Hospital Volunteers, 2000



SLV Health Volunteer Ambassadors, 2017

- SLVRMC and Conejos County Hospital (CCH), located in La Jara, became affiliated in about 2003, when the critical access hospital was under financial distress.
- SLVRMC secured loans and provided management and resources enabling them to keep their doors open and continue to staff nearly 80 employees
 - SLVRMC and CCH are striving to become fully integrated and are cross utilizing the talent from both organizations in collaboration to provide services and management.
 - CCH has 3 clinics in which SLVRMC recruits physicians



2006: Stephanie L. Miner Imaging Center

Stephanie L. Miner Imaging Center was added to the Radiology Department. She was a well-known, young mother who died of breast cancer. Her husband, Chris Miner, and her parents, Marvin and Mary Motz, agreed to establish a memorial by creating a "storefront" to encourage women that early detection is the best prevention. The number of women receiving mammography screenings more than doubled the first year this was opened, and now a 5K walk is an annual event to raise awareness and funds for upgrades.



SLVRMC chaplain program receives Adamson Award

By **KEITH B. CERNY**
ALAMOSA, CO. — The SLVRMC chaplain program received the Adamson Award for its commitment to providing spiritual care to patients and their families.

The award was presented to Rev. Karl Wright of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alamosa, who has served as the hospital's chaplain since 2003.

The chaplain staff provides pastoral care, counseling, and spiritual support to patients and families. They also provide bereavement services and support for the staff.

The award is presented annually to the chaplain who has made the most significant contribution to the hospital's spiritual care program.



2006: Eagle Air Med Partnership

Eagle Air Med locates to the San Luis Valley. SLVRMC and SLVHMO collaborated to bring this new air transport service directly to the Valley, greatly reducing the travel time for emergency patients needing to reach destinations for treatment of their critical condition. In addition, the local flight service is able to provide transport at lower costs than services based out of region.



2007: Integration of Physician Services with SLVRMC

Physician Services, located at 2115 Stuart Avenue, joins SLVRMC in a partnership to preserve many specialties, including Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Surgery, OB/GYN, ENT, Orthopedics, Allergy, Audiology and Pathology.

Five honored by SLVRMC
Hospital Foundation gives honors at Bolos and Booth's

The SLVRMC Hospital Foundation presented awards to five individuals for their contributions to the hospital. The awards were presented at a luncheon at Bolos and Booth's restaurant.

The recipients of the awards are: [Names of recipients]

2008: SLVH becomes one of the first hospitals in CO to offer chiropractic care

In 2017, according to surveys, that number has increased to 42% of hospitals that offer some sort of alternative care. SLVH continues to be a pioneer in complementary services.

2008-2009: New Medical Office Building, outpatient surgical services on 2nd floor, Artrium and a new lobby/ entry added

The Medical Office Building at 106 Blanca Ave, outpatient surgical services on the 2nd floor, the Artrium and a new lobby and entry are additions made to the Regional Medical Center. The Grizzly Inn became the Education and Conference Center to expand the health care campus. The old Medical Office Building was demolished.

SLVRMC makes top 10 in Health Grades analysis

SLVRMC has been ranked in the top 10 of Health Grades' analysis of hospital quality. The analysis evaluates hospitals based on patient safety, patient experience, and clinical outcomes.

SLVRMC's high ranking is a testament to the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality care and improving patient outcomes.

Valley News
CAP accredits hospital lab

The hospital laboratory has received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP). This accreditation is a recognition of the laboratory's commitment to providing high-quality diagnostic services.

2010: SLVRMC becomes Centura Health affiliate

The Centura affiliation opened the door to many opportunities, especially in the need of specialty care referrals. The goal of the alliance is to contribute to the quality and scope of services.



2011: Monte Vista Community Clinic adds to services to west end of the Valley

Dr. Pinkerton sells practice to SLVRMC

Dr. Pinkerton has sold his medical practice to SLVRMC, adding to the hospital's services in the west end of the Valley.

Valley News
Hospital lab is CAP accredited

The hospital laboratory has received CAP accreditation, ensuring the highest quality of diagnostic services for patients.

2012: The first full time cardiologist joins staff and allows for the expansion of specialty services

Cardiologist makes Alamosa his home

A full-time cardiologist has joined the SLVRMC staff, allowing for the expansion of specialty services in Alamosa.

SLVRMC signs McKesson contract for EMR Project

SLVRMC has signed a contract with McKesson for an EMR project, aimed at improving patient care and operational efficiency.

2012: Antonito Clinic will expand services to south end of the Valley

Valley News
Ground is broken Monday for new Antonito Clinic

Ground was broken for the new Antonito Clinic, which will provide expanded services to the south end of the Valley.

Valley News
Martin brings experience to new job

Dr. Martin has joined the SLVRMC staff, bringing valuable experience to the hospital's medical services.

Valley News
Hospital partners with IT company to meet goals

The hospital has partnered with an IT company to implement a new system, aimed at meeting the hospital's goals for improved patient care and operational efficiency.