

Centegra Hospital – Huntley treats high volume of patients in first month

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[HUNTLEY](#) – Just more than a month after Centegra Hospital – Huntley officially opened Aug. 9, Centegra CEO Mike Eesley said the volume of inpatient admissions and emergency room visits at the new hospital is rapidly growing and even has surpassed initial expectations.

“We’re seeing more than 50 patients a day in the emergency room,” Eesley said. “We anticipated seeing 50 patients, but not until our fourth, fifth or sixth month of operations. We’re also seeing about three or four births a day.”

Eesley said the new hospital, located at 10400 Haligus Road, is getting patients from Huntley, [Algonquin](#), [Lake in the Hills](#), southern [Crystal Lake](#) and even from northern Kane County.

“What I’ve seen so far is that our strategy of putting a Huntley hospital in that location was certainly a demonstrated need,” Eesley said.

Centegra Hospital – Huntley is a Level 2 trauma center, meaning it gives definitive care for all injured patients. With soundproof floors, a built-in pharmacy and a made-to-order cafeteria, Centegra Hospital – Huntley possesses a state-of-the-art design.

“We’re seeing the community as well as our own associates using the made-to-order cafeteria a lot,” Eesley said. “It was a smart addition.”

Centegra has about 400 associates at the new location, with more than half of them transferring from other Centegra locations. Chief Operating Officer Sheila Senn, who came over to the Huntley hospital after working at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock, said the hospital staff was well-prepared for the opening, and communication has been key in handling the high volume of patients.

“One thing that we did was we set up a daily leader meeting,” Senn said. “So every day, the leaders of each department in the facility get together and report any problems someone may have. Then we decide right then and there who is going to work on the problem, and we also make sure to address those problems right away.”

Centegra Health System broke ground on the 128-bed facility in February 2014 with a \$233 million budget. It is only the third new hospital in Illinois to open in more than 35 years.

Now that the Huntley hospital has been open for a little more than a month, Senn said she recently received surveys from some of the hospital’s first patients and was pleased with the responses.

“Seeing what they have to say about their experience, that’s the best part about the job,” Senn said.

The hospital’s campus also is home to the Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center and a medical office that provides immediate care. A second medical office building is under construction.