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**Banner Health’s first Health Center *plus* opens in Glendale**

***Innovative campus provides one-stop health care for many needs***

GLENDALE, Ariz. (April 22, 2021) – A ribbon-cutting ceremony today marks the opening of Banner Health’s first “Banner Health Center *plus,*” a $65 million project with developer partner NexCore Group that will provide a wide range of services to make health care more convenient. The center will begin seeing patients on April 26.

The Health Center *plus*, a first for Banner, will provide primary care and a full array of specialists in addition to advanced imaging equipment, laboratory services, pharmacy, community classrooms, concierge-style services and a café all in one location. On-site specialty care includes orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, obstetrics/GYN and behavioral health.

The new campus, which features a three-story, 130,000 square-foot building, is located at the northwest corner of 78th avenue and the Loop 101.

“Banner Health Center *plus* is more than just a new building,’’ said Becky Kuhn, Banner Health’s chief operating officer. “It represents an integrated approach to providing health care services. It is a place where several hundred Banner team members are all working together seamlessly and hassle-free for our customers,’’ said Kuhn who spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which attracted more than 100 community leaders, Banner team members and corporate partners.

The campus represents the collaboration between physicians, clinicians and operational leaders to create a convenient system, she said.

“It’s all about creating a great customer experience. Even the “plus” part of our name came from market research from our customers. It’s about giving them more,’’ Kuhn said.

 “This is an incredibly unique project and we really value the collaboration between Banner Health and the local leaders. The real beneficiaries of this are members of the community who can come to this one place for a very high level of care,’’ said Todd Varney, chief development officer and managing partner of NexCore, a Denver-based national healthcare development group that partnered with Banner in development of Banner Health Center *plus.* Varney also spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health is one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in the country. The system owns and operates 30 acute-care hospitals, Banner Health Network, Banner – University Medicine, academic and employed physician groups, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services; including Banner Urgent Care, family clinics, home care and hospice services, pharmacies and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com.

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