



## **Anne Arundel Medical Center to Open New Surgery Centers in 2019**

(Annapolis, Md.) April 10, 2018 – Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) is partnering with Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC. (SCA), to open two new surgery centers next year. SCA is a leader in the outpatient surgery industry and part of Optum, a technology-enabled health services and innovation company.

The AAMC Surgery Center in Pasadena will offer orthopedic and gynecological procedures and is scheduled to open in January 2019. The Annapolis location, which is expected to open in April 2019, also will provide orthopedic procedures with a focus on total joint replacement and spine care. Both centers will offer outpatient surgery at convenient locations.

“Our new surgery centers are an extension of Anne Arundel Medical Center’s high-quality, cost-effective care options to best serve the people in our region,” said Steve Clarke, vice president for Ambulatory Services and Network Development at AAMC. “Patients can expect our same patient-centered care, with the ease and accessibility of outpatient procedures.”

AAMC chose SCA as its strategic partner to build and operate the two facilities because of its extensive expertise in this area.

“We are partnering with Anne Arundel Medical Center to bring quality, cost-effective outpatient surgical care to residents in Annapolis, Pasadena and the surrounding communities,” said Kristine Lowther, SCA vice president of operations. “We look forward to expanding outpatient total joint replacement and spine surgery in Maryland and helping AAMC care for more patients in high-quality surgery centers.”

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### **About Anne Arundel Medical Center**

Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC), a regional health system headquartered in Annapolis, Md., serves an area of more than one million people. Founded in 1902, AAMC includes a 425-bed not-for-profit hospital, a multi-specialty medical group, imaging and lab services, convenience care clinics, a research institute, a substance use treatment center and health enterprises. In addition to an Annapolis campus, AAMC has outpatient pavilions in Bowie, Kent Island, Odenton, Pasadena and Waugh Chapel. AAMC is nationally recognized for its joint replacement center, emergency heart attack response and cancer care. A leader in women’s services, AAMC delivers the state’s second highest number of babies annually and has a Level 3 NICU. AAMC is among just 6 percent of U.S. hospitals to be designated a Magnet® hospital, the highest-level credential for quality patient care and nursing excellence. As a Most Wired® healthcare organization, AAMC is nationally recognized for using technology to enhance the patient experience. With more than 1,000 medical staff members, 3,900 employees and 750 volunteers, AAMC consistently receives awards for quality, patient satisfaction and innovation. To learn more, visit [askAAMC.org](http://askAAMC.org).

### **About Surgical Care Affiliates**

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