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HIRSLANDEN CONCENTRATES CARE AT KLINIK STEPHANSHORN

Hirslanden is strengthening the St. Gallen health campus – concentration of orthopaedics at Klinik Stephanshorn and phasing out of operations at the Klinik Am Rosenberg in Heiden by the end of September 2025.

Hirslanden Klinik Stephanshorn is consistently driving forward the strategic development of its health campus in line with Eastern Switzerland's hospital planning. After targeted investments in outpatient infrastructure, the further medical development and specialisation, as well as successful growth over the past few years, the Stephanshorn location is being further strengthened and expanded into a comprehensive central hospital. A major step in this development is the pooling of orthopaedic expertise at Klinik Stephanshorn. As part of this process, operation at the Klinik Am Rosenberg in Heiden will be discontinued at the end of September 2025. The merging of the locations creates a campus that will perform effectively both medically and organisationally with over 9,000 hospitalisations per year and a comprehensive outpatient and inpatient ecosystem.

Employees of the Klinik Am Rosenberg will be closely supported during this transition. The aim is to offer as many of them as possible a solution for their future within the Hirslanden Group – particularly at the Stephanshorn health campus. For those for whom this cannot be done, a voluntary and comprehensive social plan will be made available. We are looking into the future use of the clinic property in Heiden in coordination with the municipality. Ideas such as medically assisted living or other health-related uses that contribute to integrated care in the regional environment will be considered. Daniel Liedtke, CEO of Hirslanden: "We are anticipating a structural change in the healthcare sector and are pooling our resources at one location with the healthcare policy objective of concentrating inpatient structures while at the same time expanding the range of outpatient services and strengthening integrated basic services close to patients' homes."

Phaseout of clinic operations in Heiden as part of a long-term realignment

The discontinuation of operations of Klinik Am Rosenberg is a consistent step as part of a long-term strategic process to focus and strengthen the Stephanshorn health campus. Under the current framework conditions, further operation of Klinik Am Rosenberg is not sustainable. Planned investments – for example in the comprehensive refurbishment of the surgical infrastructure, the patient ward or the establishment of medical competence centres – cannot be justified as a result of the decentralised location and a lack of connected outpatient structures.

At the Stephanshorn location, extensive resources were invested in a targeted manner over the past few years in outpatient and inpatient care. These include the outpatient OPERA surgery centre, a state-of-the-art radiotherapy centre with two linear accelerators for specialised cancer treatment, as well as a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic offers in the immediate vicinity of the clinic. In 2024, the range of orthopaedic services was considerably expanded and the number of cases in this area was doubled. From May 2025, a new sports medicine centre will also supplement our offering. Now that the services have been pooled and further investments made, Klinik Stephanshorn is developing step by step into a complete

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central hospital. In this way, Hirslanden is securing long-term quality, efficiency and the freedom of choice that is important to patients in Eastern Switzerland.

High level of commitment from staff and doctors

The staff and doctors at Klinik Am Rosenberg have contributed significantly to the high quality of care and outstanding reputation of the location within the region by demonstrating a high level of commitment, technical expertise and human empathy. Working for the welfare of the patients on a daily basis, they have made the Klinik Am Rosenberg a place providing medical care that can be trusted – and that is an important part of the Hirslanden story in Eastern Switzerland. Hirslanden would like to express its great appreciation and sincere thanks to all staff and doctors at the Klinik Am Rosenberg. “We take responsibility for our staff – with their commitment, experience and professionalism, they have made a significant contribution to excellence at the Heiden location. This commitment meets with our respect and gratitude and we will provide personal support in the context of the upcoming changes,” said Urs Cadruvi, Director of Klinik Stephanshorn and Klinik Am Rosenberg.

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About Hirslanden

Hirslanden is committed to high-quality, responsible and efficiently integrated healthcare that focuses on the needs of the individual. Working together with private and public cooperation partners, the Hirslanden Group prioritises ongoing development of the Continuum of Care concept. From birth to old age, from prevention to healing, Hirslanden is always there, both on a physical and digital level.

Hirslanden differentiates itself from the rest of the market as a service provider with first-class medical care aimed at improving the quality of life of each of its patients – guaranteed by highly qualified independent specialists with years of experience, excellent and attentive nursing care, and outstanding services to provide a high level of comfort in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Interdisciplinary medical centres of expertise, specialised institutes and professional partners provide optimal, personalised diagnosis and treatment of even highly complex cases, on both an inpatient and outpatient basis.

The Hirslanden Group operates 17 hospitals in 10 cantons, many of which have an emergency department. It also operates 5 outpatient surgery centres, 19 radiology and 6 radiotherapy institutes. The Group has 2,651 partner doctors and 11,146 employees, 580 of whom are permanently employed doctors. Hirslanden is the largest medical network in Switzerland. As at 31 March 2024, the Group had treated 112,008 patients for a total of 446,623 inpatient days. The patient mix consists of 52.1% patients with basic insurance, 27.3% with semi-private insurance and 20.6% with private insurance. The Hirslanden Group was formed in 1990 following a merger between several hospitals, and is now part of the Mediclinic Group.