



Patient-centered and a holistic approach to healthcare is the backdrop of Lorma Medical Center's new emergency room design located at the first floor of the new medical arts building.

New Lorma Emergency Department Now Open!

Wednesday, May 10, 2006, San Fernando City, La Union – Lorma Medical Center today announced the opening of its new emergency department; the latest phase in the hospital's recent expansion efforts. The Lorma Emergency Department combines the most advanced medical and diagnostic facilities with a patient-centered design, creating a new standard of emergency care in La Union in which patients receive the highest quality care in a comfortable and convenient setting.

"We are proud to offer our patients and community 21st century emergency medicine in a wonderful new 21st century facility," said Dr. Rufino L. Macagba, Jr., M.D., president of Lorma Incorporated. "We have cutting-edge technology in a medical setting where every second counts. And in keeping with our long standing reputation for patient-centered, compassionate care, we wanted our emergency department to be utilized in large part by the physicians and nurses who use it every day."

Some of the new facility's key features include:

- A unique floor plan that provides clinicians with immediate access to the equipment, technology and staff they need to care for critically ill and injured patients for whom a difference of a few minutes is a matter of life and death.
- An expanded triage area (from one to three rooms) enables the staff to assess patients and assign them to rooms more quickly.

- Centralized registration that makes registration faster and more convenient for patients.
- Soft, recessed lighting, curb side drop-off, private patient bays, a two-story glass atrium waiting room, which is furnished with comfortable chairs set out in small nooks appropriate for quiet conversation and other features incorporated in the facility's design to enhance patients', families' and friends' comfort and convenience.
- Easy access to the imaging department that includes a dedicated on-site high-speed computed axial tomography (CT) scanner. In addition, an MRI scanner is located in close proximity to the emergency department, giving clinicians immediate access to the latest in diagnostic imaging technologies.
- A helipad on the roof of the building housing the new emergency department and a new elevator to expedite the transfer of critically ill and injured patients who were brought in on helicopter ambulances.

"Here in San Fernando City, we are home to the best health care in Region I," says Allan A. Alvarez, Executive Director of Marketing and Administrative Services. "This new emergency department will keep our residents safe and healthy in the years to come."

"As a physician, I know first hand how important the design of the facility is to our ability to provide high quality and compassionate care to our patients," says Juan V. Komiya, M.D., Medical Director at Lorma Medical Center. "The opening of our new emergency department is the result of careful planning, design, and construction and the dedi-

cated involvement of an incredibly diverse team of people here. Most importantly, our patients will benefit from the efforts."

Located on the ground floor of the new medical arts building, the new emergency department is accessible directly from the national highway. The new facility replaces the former emergency department which, is to be transformed to become the home of the new imaging and diagnostic center. The continued upgrade of Lorma Medical Center's facilities has helped assure that all residents of Region I will have access to high-quality emergency care 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The opening of the new emergency department has been timed to coincide with a host of other campus moves. Most notably, the new MRI Center (the first and only in La Union) and the completion of the new administration wing. Other moves involving patient services have taken place or will take place during the summer as the first phase of the medical center's campus redesign is completed. The campus redesign is being implemented to make the medical center more convenient for receiving and providing care – as well as having a more attractive, unified and efficient medical facility. ## AA

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