

## News Release

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**Yelm Family Medicine, Providence Health and Services** (parent company of **Providence St. Peter Hospital**), and **RDS, LLC** of Olympia, announced plans today for the anticipated construction of a new 36,000 square foot medical office building and surrounding medical park in Yelm. The medical office building and medical park will be located on the corner of Highway 510 and Tahoma Boulevard, the new Killion Road extension.

The new building will allow Yelm Family Medicine to expand and Providence will bring more medical services to the community.

Yelm Family Medicine and Providence St. Peter Hospital plan to coordinate the addition of after-hours urgent care in the building. The hospital also plans to add offices for physician specialists. Other services including clinical lab, advanced diagnostic imaging, pharmacy and physical therapy will also be available on site.

Dr. Kirk Dawson, speaking for Yelm Family Medicine, said, "This partnership will bring new medical services closer to home for our patients, and it will allow our clinic to continue serving the needs of our growing community." He added, "Having an array of services in one location will be a major benefit for patients and physicians, with less time spent traveling out of town for diagnostics and specialty services."

Yelm Family Medicine was originally established in 1979 by Dr. William Elledge, and moved to its current location in 1985.

Dawson said, "Dr. Elledge started a long tradition for Yelm Family Medicine of providing excellent care, close to home. We are proud to be able to continue that service, and our commitment is long term."

Scott Bond, Chief Executive Officer, Providence Health & Services, Southwest Service Area, said, "We strongly believe in bringing care closer to home, wherever possible, and we are pleased to partner with Yelm Family Medicine physicians. They are highly regarded in the medical community."

The new facilities will be developed by RDS, LLC whose principals are Scott and Susan Ritter. Scott Ritter, managing partner, said that he expects to break ground by early 2009 and complete the building by 2010. He said, "This is an exciting development for Yelm."