

## News Release

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### **Nueterra announces ownership in and management of ambulatory surgery center with Beaumont Health System and physicians**

Nueterra, Beaumont Health System and physician investors announced that Nueterra is a new owner and manager of an existing joint venture for the operation of an ambulatory surgery center at the Beaumont Medical Center in Macomb Township, Mich.

Through this new relationship, Nueterra will own a minority interest in and assume day-to-day management of the ASC effective Jan. 1, 2012. Beaumont and physician investors will also retain equity ownership of the ASC.

“Our new relationship with Beaumont Health System is the result of Nueterra’s focus on developing innovative strategies that help health systems achieve their long-term goals for growth and profitability,” says Nueterra CEO David Ayers. “We are excited to work with Beaumont, a nationally renowned leader in surgical services, and with local physicians and the center’s excellent surgical staff in the delivery of high- quality, efficient outpatient surgical care.”

“Nueterra has developed successful strategic relationships with more than 20 health systems and 1,500 physicians across the country,” says Derk Pronger, vice president, Surgical and Ancillary Services, Beaumont Hospital, Troy, Mich. “We look forward to working with them and our outstanding physicians in providing compassionate, effective surgical care for patients using the latest technology and expertise.”

Nueterra plans to attract additional surgeons to the ASC and to lower costs by leveraging the power of Nueterra’s group purchasing contracts.

“Providing health care in today’s economic and political climate is very challenging because of the many changes in the health care world,” says Michael Busuito, M.D., president of the ASC Board. “Ambulatory surgery centers across the country have demonstrated their ability to provide efficient, convenient and cost effective surgical care to local communities.”

Based in Leawood, Kan., Nueterra currently operates 30 outpatient surgery centers across the country, including the Mackinaw Surgery Center in Saginaw, Mich.

The ASC in Macomb Township opened in April 2007 offering same-day general surgery, plastic surgery, orthopedics, ear, nose and throat, gastroenterology, endoscopy and pain management.

The ASC is part of a 128,000-square-foot Beaumont Medical Center on 16 acres of land at 15979 Hall Road (northeast corner of Tilch Road and M-59). In addition to surgery, the Beaumont Medical Center also offers vascular testing, wound care, imaging, laboratory services, nuclear medicine, physical and occupational therapy, outpatient heart services, a sleep evaluation center and home medical equipment. The Beaumont Medical Center also includes a professional building with Beaumont physician offices.

**About Nueterra**

Nueterra creates long-term relationships with health systems, hospitals and physicians to develop innovative strategies to improve the delivery of health care services while growing market share. The company is one of the country's leading developers and managers of health system or physician-owned surgical facilities and community hospitals. Nueterra currently has 77 facilities in operation throughout 27 states and also provides international opportunities for its partners. For more information, visit [www.nueterra.com](http://www.nueterra.com).

**About Beaumont Health System**

Beaumont Health System is a three-hospital regional health system based in Royal Oak, Mich., with a total of 1,714 licensed beds, more than 14,000 full-time equivalent employees and 3,700 physicians. In addition to its hospitals, Beaumont operates numerous community-based medical centers in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, family practice and internal medicine practices, five nursing centers, a research institute, home care services and hospice. Beaumont is the exclusive clinical teaching site for the new [Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine](http://www.beaumont.edu) that welcomed its charter class on Aug. 8. Visit Beaumont on the web at [www.beaumont.edu](http://www.beaumont.edu).