



Continued Investment in Quality Rural Healthcare

Opened in October 2025, Hamilton Healthcare System's **Bill Craig Medical Center** brings new services and a renewed dedication to the community's well-being.

People often choose Hamilton, Texas, for its ample land, sprawling vistas, and quiet pace of life. Just as valuable, however, is the region's reliable access to quality healthcare.

For decades, Hamilton Healthcare System has been the community's champion for accessible healthcare. Now, with the launch of the new \$9.2 million Bill Craig Medical Center, that care is more robust than ever.

"The focus of this new center was to expand our specialty services to further complement our system's whole continuum of care," says COO Melissa DeLaGarza, RN, BSN. "The Hamilton County Hospital District Board of Directors demonstrated significant commitment to our community by expanding our healthcare facilities. Our goal was to introduce new services that our community members needed most."

New Specialized Services

Situated prominently on Main Street, the modern-yet-warm design of the Bill Craig Medical Center features six specialty suites and multiple spacious waiting areas. In one of those suites are the Central Texas Eye Care and Main Street Optical practices—two brand-new specialties under the Hamilton Healthcare System umbrella. The practices offer early morning appointments to minimize disruption to patients' workdays.

A new therapy suite includes equipment upgrades for state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy, and a dedicated radiology suite includes a new X-ray machine for convenient imaging. General and orthopedic surgery clinics, as well as a dedicated pain management center, are also housed under the Center's roof.

In addition to permanent specialists, the Bill Craig Medical Center hosts visiting specialists from larger institutions in cardiology, urology, oncology, and dermatology, which includes a new investment in Mohs surgery technology for skin cancer.



"This building was named for the late Dr. Bill Craig, a longtime member of our board and a visionary whose leadership helped pave the way for this project to come to fruition," says DeLaGarza. "As with Dr. Craig's legacy, our legacy is one that seeks to continually serve our community with robust, relevant healthcare."

Complete Continuum of Care

From primary care and wellness maintenance to surgical intervention and acute condition management, Hamilton Healthcare System is dedicated to taking care of the community's holistic healthcare needs.

The 25-bed critical care hospital includes a Swing Bed Program that provides skilled nursing services in a post-acute environment—ideal for patients recovering from surgery or serious infection or those who may need therapy, wound care, or intravenous antibiotics. In 2025, the hospital was awarded the Performance Leadership Award for Patient Perspective by The Chartis Group, a result of excellent patient satisfaction surveys.

"We feel fortunate and honored to provide such a strong, stable healthcare system to our rural community. Our services have earned a strong track record of success, and we have the momentum needed to continue investing in our local healthcare needs," DeLaGarza concludes. "As we grow, our community grows."

