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Brand-new medical office building rises in Purchase

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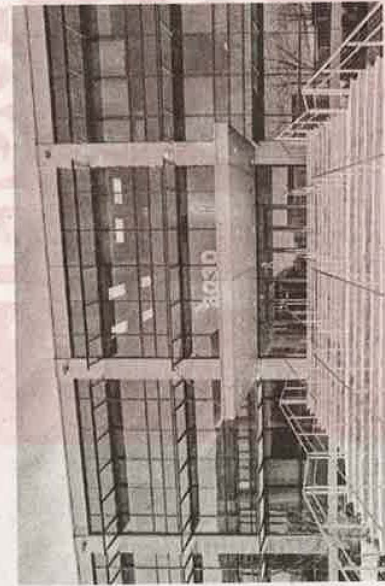
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For the first time in more than 25 years, a brand-new office building has gone up along the I-287 corridor that stretches across central Westchester.

On Wednesday morning, WESTMED Medical Group is hosting a grand opening of its new four-story, 85,000-square-foot medical office building at 3030 Westchester Ave. in the newly renamed Purchase Professional Park. This will be the Purchase-based WESTMED's fifth full-service office in Westchester.

It's another indication that the I-287 corridor, once known as the Plati-num Mile, is becoming the Medical Mile as outpatient facilities and medical office buildings replace office parks and gleaming corporate headquarters that once housed titans like Kraft Foods, Texaco and IBM.

At 500 Westchester



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The new building at 3030 Westchester Ave. in Purchase has been developed for WESTMED Medical Group.

Ave. in West Harrison, for example, a former Verizon building is now home to a branch of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Center. The hospital converted the 114,000-square-foot complex into a \$143 million cancer center that opened last fall.

Another trend that's a part of this story is the continued movement within the health services sector to gather a large variety of medical services and specialties under one roof. Does your gynecologist say you need an X-ray or an ultrasound? That's just down

the hall. WESTMED Medical Group's specialties in the new \$22 million building will include: palliative medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, colorectal surgery, plastic surgery, critical care, dermatology, endocrinology, ENT, gynecologic oncology, healthy measures weight management program, Mohs surgery, neurophology, neurology, orthopedics, pulmonology and reproductive endocrinology.

In addition, WESTMED has a team of nearly 300 physicians at nine lo-

cations in central and lower Westchester.

"The new building will have 65 providers (doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants) and 80 staff," Linda Martin, a WESTMED spokeswoman, said Tuesday.

The building will also house the company's only PET/CT scanner, a sensitive imaging device used to help with diagnosing, staging and treatment planning for cancer patients.

The health care field continues to be big business in the county. In 2014, Westchester had about 60,300 health care jobs, according to the most recent state labor data. That is nearly 15 percent of the entire workforce of 409,115.

The new building at 3030 Westchester Ave. was developed by Simone Development and Fareri Associates, owner/manager of the Purchase Professional Park. Construction took 14 months. The companies also recently completed a major renovation and upgrade to the three existing buildings (3000, 3010 and 3020 Westchester Ave.) and com-

mon areas in the campus that had been known as the Harrison Executive Medical Park.

The renovations included refurbishing facades and lobbies, replacing elevators, and installing new landscaping, outdoor furniture and exterior lighting.

Purchase Professional Park also has an on-site

cafe, fitness center, 24-hour building access, and lots of free parking, including a new lower-level building.

Newmark Grubb Knight Frank is the exclusive leasing agent for the office park.

Staff writer David Robinson contributed to this report.