

# SEALE HARRIS CLINIC

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## Seale Harris Clinic Unveils New Digital Primary Care Office, Birmingham's Medical Industry Grows Amid National Economic Challenges

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--Doctors at Birmingham's Seale Harris Clinic opened a multi-million dollar Primary Care office in the new St. Vincent's Ortho Sports Center and Medical Tower facility today, and they gave a healthy economic check-up of the city's medical industry.

" This new facility is Birmingham's most recent proof that the area's healthcare industry remains strong and continues growing amid national economic challenges," according to Dr. James H. Crenshaw and Dr. Jeffrey J. Clifton, Physician-Owners of Seale Harris Clinic.

The new 20,000 square foot, state of the art facility at St. Vincent's becomes the city's latest digital Primary Care clinic. Doctors use electronic medical record keeping, digital x-ray technology and provide in-house testing to raise quality and reduce patient wait time.

"We are ready to face the healthcare issues of today head on by investing in the testing equipment necessary to diagnose as well as investing in the electronic growth of our facility to better facilitate the health issues of our patients," Dr. Crenshaw said.

The historic clinic's new location at St. Vincent's grows the local physician and employee population. It employs 10 physicians and 60 staff members in the city center, with expansion planned. Clinic physicians offer same-day service and specialize in internal medicine, adult family medicine, gastroenterology and endocrinology.

"We have a full-service clinic which enables us to rapidly diagnose and treat patients with less fragmentation of their care," Dr. Clifton said.

The Ortho Sports Center and Medical Tower at St. Vincent's Birmingham Hospital allows the Seale Harris Clinic to combine two former facilities. Previous locations at Trinity Medical Center and in Vestavia Hills have been closed. Clinic patients now have access to one central facility, offering expanded Primary Care service and Birmingham's newest medical technology.

"We believe that centralizing care and being their medical home creates an environment for more efficient patient management minimizing unnecessary duplication of services. We feel our new facility will be in the perfect location for these services," Drs. Crenshaw and Clifton said in a statement.

Seale Harris Clinic is one of Birmingham's oldest and historic medical institutions. Founded in 1920 by Dr. Seale Harris, the clinic began in a small downtown office. Harris became known for his discovery of Hyperinsulinism which is low blood sugar in non-diabetic patients. His medical career has earned him a place in the Alabama Hall of Fame.

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## FACT SHEET

- 20,000 square-foot facility at St. Vincent's new Ortho Sports Center and Medical Tower
- Primary Care Physicians at the clinic provide internal medicine, adult family medicine, gastroenterology and endocrinology
- Clinic technology includes electronic medical record keeping, recently promoted by Congress and by President Obama
- Technology also includes digital x-ray technology and in-house testing
- Clinic raises the number of area internal medicine Doctors and raises city-center employment by 70 people
- New clinic combines two former Seale Harris facilities
- Previous locations at Trinity Medical Center and in Vestavia Hills have been closed
- Combined location and new services enable same-day appointments, faster testing
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