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## More health care for Williamson Co.

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**Seton Family of Hospitals** is taking another step to bolster health care and medical education in Williamson County.

Seton is in the process of negotiating with the Avery family -- who own thousands of acres -- to acquire a 12- to 14-acre parcel of land adjacent to its new **Seton Medical Center Williamson**, which opened Thursday. Mark Hazelwood, president and CEO of Seton Williamson, says the hospital system will likely close on that land in the next few weeks and plans for it to house three things, either individually or in combination:

- Additional medical office buildings.
- Facilities to accommodate more medical education, including graduate work.
- Eventual medical research facilities.

Hazelwood says he can't disclose the cost of the land, and while he says activity on the parcel isn't imminent, the hospital system is already having discussions with potential users. According to the Williamson County Appraisal District, acreage in the property held by the Avery family near the hospital can range anywhere from \$15,000 to \$40,000 per acre.

"Construction won't begin in the near future, but there is already interest from people who want to locate in that area in those three categories," Hazelwood says.

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