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**Lee Health Opens County's First Freestanding Emergency Department in Estero**  
*New ED Opens as part of Lee Health Coconut Point,  
a State-of-the-Art Health and Wellness Destination in South Lee County*

(Estero, Fla. – Dec. 3, 2018) --- With the first freestanding emergency department in Lee County, Lee Health Coconut Point officially opened its doors to patients today, bringing emergency care closer to home for Estero and Bonita Springs residents.

Lee Health Coconut Point is Lee Health's new 163,500 square-foot, cutting-edge outpatient facility located near the intersection of Coconut Road and US 41, just south of the Coconut Point Mall in Estero.

The emergency department at Lee Health Coconut Point addresses a critical gap in emergency care in south Lee County. Previously, patients with urgent medical needs in Estero and Bonita Springs would be transported to hospitals in either Fort Myers or Naples, a gap of about 25 miles.

The 24-hour emergency department at Lee Health Coconut Point is located on the southwest side of the building and features:

- Sixteen exam rooms and nine rooms for short-stay observation.
- On-site ambulance transportation quarters if patients need to be transported to a hospital.
- Telemedicine that helps link patients with specialists, such as neurologists for patients suffering from stroke

In addition to emergency care, Lee Health Coconut Point offers the space, technology and equipment to provide an array of health care services, including primary and specialty care services previously unavailable in this area of the county. Lee Health Coconut Point features:

- World-class surgical suites capable of a wide range of outpatient procedures
- Advanced outpatient diagnostic and imagery services
- Expanded Healthy Life Center that features a brand new teaching kitchen, space for fitness classes and teaching garden
- Comprehensive rehab and physical therapy, including state-of-the-art balance and fall prevention equipment
- Expanded women's health services including cutting-edge breast health imaging and treatment
- Primary and specialty Lee Physician Group practices

For more information about Lee Health Coconut Point or to make an appointment, visit <http://www.leehealth.org/coconut-point/>

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*