



New Hospital Chooses Sage FAS to Take Control of its Assets Right from the Start

Completed in August 2002, MountainView Regional Medical Center brought a new, state-of-the-art facility to Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. With a \$32 million budget to purchase 2,000+ assets prior to opening, MountainView wanted a system in place to properly record and monitor its property right from the start. In order to facilitate the acquisition and tracking of these assets, it selected FAS Asset Accounting, Sage Software's industry-leading fixed asset accounting and management solution.

Ease of Use and Timesaving Features Increase Productivity

As a hospital under construction, MountainView was working with a lean accounting staff. In fact, just one person maintained the hospital's books and oversaw capital expenditures. With its opening day rapidly approaching, it needed a solution that was easy to both implement and use. "When I joined the MountainView staff, I chose FAS Asset Accounting right away," said Controller Bridget Hayes. "I knew from experience that it was the only program that could help me manage our assets without a lot of hassle. Sage FAS helps me record, track, and depreciate assets faster so I have time to focus on more pressing start-up issues. Plus, I can count on its accuracy."

MountainView was quickly up and running on Sage FAS. Hayes noted, "I installed Sage FAS one day and was entering data the next—it was that simple." She also enjoyed the benefit of attending a Sage Software training class in the past, making implementation that much smoother. "The techniques I learned in training have been extremely useful. If you want to streamline your asset accounting processes even further with Sage FAS, I would definitely recommend taking the two-day class," she said.

Hayes added, "There are so many time-saving features in Sage FAS. For example, I frequently use asset replication to add new purchases to our database. Whether it is just 10 computers or hundreds of hospital beds, all I have to do is enter the asset details once and simply change the serial number for each item. And I can automatically calculate monthly depreciation by just pressing a button.

Customer:

MountainView Regional Medical Center

Industry:

State-of-the-art hospital serving Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico

Location:

Las Cruces, New Mexico

System:

Sage FAS 100 Fixed Assets

- FAS 100 Asset Accounting
- FAS Report Writer



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CHALLENGE

Find an easy-to-use asset management system that offers control and flexibility.

SOLUTION

FAS Asset Accounting—part of Sage FAS Fixed Assets, the industry-leading fixed asset management solution.

RESULTS

Simplified addition of 2,000+ assets by staff in less than one year. Increased productivity with ease of use and time-saving features. Reduced time required to run internal reports from 1.5 days to 1 hour.

"Keeping complete, detailed records of hospital assets is so much easier with Sage FAS. The customized fields allow me to enter model numbers so that I can get the current net book value of each asset. And the search capabilities are so powerful that I can even query the system using data from one of my customized fields," she said.

Flexible Report Capabilities Save Time and Ensure Accuracy

At year-end, MountainView is required to submit reports, known internally as 'work papers,' to its corporate office. Hayes remarked, "With Sage FAS, I can pull information on capital additions or depreciation expenses, and export that directly into our internal report format. This flexibility has saved me a tremendous amount of time that I would otherwise have spent rekeying data and double-checking numbers and calculations. I can now do a day and a half's worth of work in about an hour."

Invaluable Tool Prepares Hospital for Success

With FAS Asset Accounting in place, MountainView is well poised for financial success. Hayes is enjoying peace of mind knowing that her asset records are complete and accurate—eliminating future depreciation guesswork.

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