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## Tulsa hospital solvent for now

OSU Medical Center officials brief state senators on its finances.

BY RANDY KREHBIEL  
World Staff Writer

The Oklahoma State University Medical Center has enough cash to operate for at least the next two years, but its long-term financial outlook remains uncertain, members of a state Senate subcommittee were told Friday.

"The big unknown is, are we going to start to get referrals again? Are doctors going to come back?" said Robert Poe, chairman of the trust that will own the hospital after Wednesday.

One official said the OSU Medical Center is expected to lose \$15 million in the coming year before it starts to turn around financially.

The hospital lost \$6 million last year.

Sens. Brian Crain, R-Tulsa; Gary Stanislawski, R-Tulsa; and Jim Wilson, D-Tahlequah, quizzed Poe and representatives from the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ardent Health Centers and St. John Medical Center for about two hours at the OSU Medical Center.

The hospital, which serves as a teaching facility for the OSU medical program, is being transferred from Ardent to the hospital trust on Wednesday. St. John will administer the hospital on a contract basis.

Crain, chairman of the subcommittee, said he wanted to make sure the medical center did not find itself short of cash after the Legislature adjourns in May. The state has appropriated \$5 million for it this year, and OSU has pledged an additional \$20 million in working capital.

"I'm confident we'll be OK for at least a couple of years with the money we've got," Poe said.

For the hospital to become self-sufficient, though, it must sharply increase the number of paying patients, the senators were told. About 50 percent of its patients either have no insurance or are covered by Medicaid and Medicare, which typically pay just enough to cover cost of service, if that, officials said.

Officials said the OSU Medical Center's daily patient census needs to increase from 90 to at least 130 to break even.

"When are we going to get that 130 or 140, that's the issue," Poe said.

Despite the uncertainties, Poe said he is optimistic.

"I just believe this is going to work," he said.

"This hospital was profitable three or four years ago. We think it can be again."

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## SemGroup alarms came early

Court documents show that many warning flags were raised in the year prior to bankruptcy.

BY ROD WALTON  
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Some SemGroup LP insiders claim that they did not realize the devastating impact of the company's futures trading losses until it was too late, but outsiders raised plenty of warning flags in the year prior to bankruptcy last year, according to a Tulsa World analysis

of court documents.

The exhibits, mainly e-mails, charts and other correspondence, were filed as part of U.S. examiner's report released last week in Delaware bankruptcy court. Former FBI Director Louis Freeh's group's four-month probe found that co-founders Tom Kivisto and Greg Wallace, among others, allegedly mismanaged the company,

violated or ignored their own rules against risky transactions and may have mislead creditors.

Going naked

Prudential Bache Commodities' trading group, which worked with SemGroup on oil futures transactions, began reviewing its client's practices on March 19, 2008, due to overall volatility in the market. By April, Prudential Bache's

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Read exhibits from U.S. Examiner Louis Freeh's report and find previous stories and other court filings about SemGroup.  
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## The doctors are in



Dr. Philip Gates with the Shriners Hospital examines Jedediah "Spencer" Williams, 6, at Oklahoma State University Medical Center. The doctors came to the patients this time, instead of having them go to Shreveport, La. STEPHEN PINGRY/Tulsa World

## They make a trip so patients don't have to

BY KIM ARCHER  
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Six-year-old Jedediah "Spencer" Williams walked down the hallway, slapping his right foot against the tile floor along the way.

"We're still working on the right one, with braces and stretching," said the Broken Arrow boy's father, Jed Williams.

The boy was born with bilateral club feet and has had three surgeries to correct them. Williams and his wife, Stacy,

have taken Spencer countless times to Shreveport's Shriners Hospitals for Children for surgeries and check-ups.

But on Friday, the hospital came to them, with a group of their doctors taking over the entire Wound Care Center at Oklahoma State University Medical Center, 744 W. Ninth St.

The Williamses say the outreach clinic is a relief to them. They don't have to make the 700-mile round trip to Louisi-

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### Shriners need support

Shriners hospitals, which provide free care, are facing major budget shortfalls as the endowment that supports them shrinks. In July, some 1,200 Shriners will vote whether to close five of their 22 hospitals, including the Shreveport facility, national officials said.

Donations to individual Shriners hospitals can be made at [tulsaworld.com/shriners](http://tulsaworld.com/shriners).



Flaming Lips lead singer Wayne Coyne celebrates Senate Joint Resolution 24 that names "Do You Realize??" by the Flaming Lips as the official Oklahoma rock song. The House refused to pass the measure Thursday.

STEVE GOOCH/  
The Oklahoman



## Coyne: Lips song targeted by 'wackos'

BY JENNIFER CHANCELLOR  
World Scene Writer

Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne spoke out Friday about a state House vote that killed a resolution naming the band's 2002 hit "Do You Realize??" as the official state rock song.

"It's a small minority of religious wackos that think they can tell everybody what to wear and what to

say and what to do and what music is right for the rest of the world. And all the smart, normal, rational people of Oklahoma know better," Coyne said during a phone interview with the Tulsa World.

Soon after Thursday's vote, Gov. Brad Henry intervened by announcing that he would sign an executive order proclaiming "Do You Real-

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