

Location

- 600 Highland Avenue, Madison
- Shares facility with UW-Madison School of Nursing, UW Medical School and UW Comprehensive Cancer Center

History

- Established by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1924
- First referred to as Wisconsin General Hospital, located at 1300 University Avenue
- Moved to current location in 1979
- Reorganized as public authority June 29, 1996

Vital Statistics (FY09)

Inpatient admissions	25,450
Patient days	136,774
Outpatient visits	566,461
Emergency department visits	42,858
Case mix index	1.79
Physicians	1,281
House staff: (residents and fellows)	537
Beds	493
Intensive care units	6 totaling 83 beds
Trauma and Life Support Center (Level One)	24 beds
Pediatric ICU	21 beds
Cardiac ICU	7 beds
Cardiothoracic surgery ICU	8 beds
Burn unit	7 beds
Neurosurgery ICU	16 beds
Psychiatric unit	18 beds
Outpatient clinics	85
Med Flight flights	1,009

National Recognition

- Recipient of prestigious Magnet hospital designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, 2009.
- Ranked among the top 10 academic health centers nationwide in a University HealthSystem Consortium benchmarking study of safety, mortality, clinical effectiveness and equity, 2009.
- 2008 recipient of Premier Award for Quality (AFQ), one of 27 selected from 3,800 hospitals nationwide, based on excellence in clinical outcomes and resource use.
- Named #1 academic medical center nationwide for outstanding nursing quality by American Nurses Association, based on NDNQI performance, 2008.
- Ranked among the top 50 of the nation’s hospitals in five medical specialties, *U.S. News & World Report*, “America’s Best Hospitals 2009.”
- Named among “100 Best Companies” in the nation by *Working Mother* magazine, 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- Heart and Vascular Care program listed among “100 Top Hospitals” in Thomson Reuters *Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success*, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009.

- Named a *Get with the Guidelines* Gold Performance Achievement Award winner by the American Stroke Association, 2008.
- Selected as Best Hospital/Medical Center in Best of Wisconsin Business Awards, *Corporate Report Wisconsin*, 2006, 2008, 2009.
- Ranked among the nation’s top 25 integrated health care networks by SDI’s IHN 100, 2009 (formerly Verispan).
- HealthGrades Excellence Award recipient for critical care, gastrointestinal care and pulmonary care, 2007, and cardiac care, 2008.
- UWHC recognized by Healthcare Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) as one of 38 hospitals in seven health systems nationwide to attain Stage 7 (of 0 - 7) for electronic health record implementation.
- Consumer Choice Award winner, National Research Corporation, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Major Programs

- Critical Care—Med Flight critical care air transport service, established April 1985; CHETA (Children’s Hospital Emergency Transport Ambulance) added in 2004; fully equipped emergency room; trauma center with Level One status for both adult and pediatric care; burn unit; pediatric intensive care unit; cardiac and medical intensive care units.
- UW Carbone Cancer Center—one of approximately 40 federally designated centers for cancer treatment and research. The UWCCC has affiliated regional cancer centers at:
 - Beloit Memorial Hospital, Beloit, WI
 - L. C. Ferguson Cancer Center, Freeport, IL
 - St. Elizabeth Hospital Cancer Center, Appleton, WI
 - UW Cancer Center Riverview Hospital, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
 - Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh, WI
 - UW Cancer Center Johnson Creek, Johnson Creek, WI (in partnership with Fort healthCare and Watertown Memorial Hospital)
- American Family Children’s Hospital—62-bed pediatric hospital adjacent to UW Hospital and Clinics, nationally known for treatment of children’s lung diseases, cardiac surgery and other pediatric specialties.
- Organ Transplant—one of the nation’s largest programs, with patient outcomes consistently cited among the best in the nation. Recognized by US Department of Health and Human Services as organ procurement best practice site.
- Heart and Vascular Care—offers a comprehensive program of prevention, expert diagnosis and treatment of full spectrum of heart-related diseases.
- Stroke Center—offers one of the most comprehensive sets of stroke studies in the nation, including testing of multiple surgical interventions, advanced diagnostic imaging and medications and therapeutic interventions for acute stroke and its after-effects.

Research and Treatment Highlights

1930s—Dr. Frederic Mohs developed a surgical technique to remove external tumors such as mouth, lip and skin cancers while sparing normal tissue.

1941—Dr. Harold P. Rusch found the wavelength of ultraviolet light that produces skin cancer.

1951—Dr. Van R. Potter developed the concept that laid the foundation for combination drug therapy, now the most widely used form of drug treatment for cancer.

1957—The anti-cancer drug fluorouracil was synthesized by Dr. Charles Heidelberger. Known as 5-FU, the drug is used extensively to treat a variety of cancers.

1960s—The research and advice of Dr. Derek Cripps laid the foundation for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s adoption of Sun Protection Factor (SPF) rating, now found in suntan and cosmetic products.

1970—Dr. Howard Temin and co-workers discovered reverse transcriptase, the enzyme that explains how retro viruses cause cancer and AIDS (independently discovered by David Baltimore and Renato Dulbecco). Work led to Temin’s selection as co-recipient of the 1975 Nobel Prize in medicine.

1986—Dr. Paul Sondel led a team conducting the first study of the safest, most effective dosages of interleukin-2, a natural substance that bolsters the body’s immune system.

1987—Dr. Folkert Belzer and James Southard, PhD, developed UW Solution to extend the time organs can be preserved for transplantation.

1996—Researchers led by Dr. David Mahvi launched the world’s first test of ‘gene gun’ technology to stimulate patients’ immune system to eliminate cancer cells.

2003—Dr. Perry Pickhart demonstrated that virtual colonoscopy is as effective as conventional colonoscopy in routine screening for colon cancer.

2003—Dr. Timothy Kamp demonstrated that human embryonic stem cells can grow into the three major types of heart muscle cells found in the human body.

Financial

- \$852.9 million FY08 operating revenue
- Independent and non-profit, receiving no state funding except Medicaid reimbursement

Employees

- 4,383 full-time
- 3,085 part-time
- 7,468 total
- Largest private employer in Madison

UW Health Community Highlights (includes UW Medical Foundation)

Charity care (FY08)	\$65 million
Contributions to charitable organizations	\$712,600
Employee charitable contributions	\$617,800
Number of employee donors	2,070
Charitable organizations sponsored	212
Events/initiatives sponsored.	295

Recent Philanthropy

American Family Insurance naming gift for American Family Children’s Hospital at UWHC	\$10 million
Other gifts to American Family Children’s Hospital Building Fund.	\$46 million
American Family Employee match program	\$4.3 million

Industry Affiliations

- Member, University HealthSystem Consortium
- Member, Health Care Advisory Board
- Member, Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Member, Madison Patient Safety Collaborative
- Member, Dane County Health Council
- Member, Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality

Web Site

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