

## Description of Hospitals in the Greater Hartford Area

**University of Connecticut Health Center:** The University of Connecticut Health Center is comprised of three main units: the School of Medicine, the School of Dental Medicine, and the UConn Health System. Founded in 1961, the Health Center pursues a mission of providing outstanding health care education in an environment of exemplary patient care, research, and public service. The Health Center's main campus is situated on 150 acres of wooded hilltop in the beautiful, historic community of Farmington. From this vantage point, the skyline of Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, can be seen about eight miles to the east.

John Dempsey Hospital is a 224-bed facility that provides state-of-the-art care across all disciplines. All of the latest medical technologies are available. The Health Center is at the forefront of translational research, bringing advances in bench research to the bedside. This has been accomplished through the development of Centers of Excellence or the Signature Programs. These include The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center, the UConn Comprehensive Cancer Center and the UConn Sports Medicine Musculoskeletal Institute.

Research Programs - Since the Health Center's inception, its administration and faculty have been committed to maintaining high-quality research programs as part of the institution's fabric. This commitment has enabled the Health Center to recruit distinguished researchers with expertise in Neuroscience, Molecular Biology, Molecular Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Cell Physiology, Toxicology, and Endocrinology, among other fields. The Alcohol Research Center is one of only fourteen such federally-supported Centers in the nation; the Connecticut Clinical Chemosensory Research Center, one of five; and the Claude Pepper Older American Independence Center, one of ten.

Clinical research is facilitated by the Lowell Weicker General Clinical Research Center, and intellectual endeavors of all kinds are supported by the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library. The library serves as the Regional Medical Library for New England - one of eight in the federally-supported National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

**Hartford Hospital/Institute of Living:** Hartford Hospital, one of the largest Medical Centers in New England, was created in 1854. Since its inception, the hospital has been at the forefront of innovative approaches to health care and service to the sick. In 1877, the hospital became the fourth in the county to open a School of Nursing modeled on the Nightingale plan. Today, 146 years later, Hartford Hospital remains keenly aware that its founding was based on need and that its present and future rely on meeting the needs of the Hartford community and the citizens of Connecticut. The hospital's vision is to be Connecticut's premier provider of comprehensive and community health care and our mission is to promote, restore and maintain the health of all the people we serve. Hartford Hospital has been recognized as one of the top 100 hospitals in the country for three years running.

Situated in the south end of Hartford, Hartford Hospital is licensed for 819 beds, has a medical staff of 828 physicians, occupies 45 patient care and support buildings, and approximately 2.1 million occupied square feet of space. In 1999, there were 57,000 Emergency Room visits and 36,023 admissions. As a major Tertiary Referral Center, the hospital provides state-of-the-art medical care through a rapidly developing integrated delivery system. In 1994 Hartford Hospital acquired the 172 year-old Institute of Living, one of the nation's oldest and most respected psychiatric facilities, which is located on an adjacent campus. The hospital has established clinical centers of emphasis and excellence in specialty areas of Oncology (Harry Gray Cancer Center), Cardiology, Mental Health (Institute of Living), Trauma, Primary Care, Diabetes, Asthma, and Women's Health. It is only one of two centers in Connecticut providing organ transplantation (heart, liver, pancreas and kidney) and is a major provider of state-of-the-art cardiovascular services. Hartford Hospital is designated as a Level 1 Trauma Center and operates the state's only helicopter transport system, LIFE STAR.

Hartford Hospital has been in the forefront in graduate medical education for many decades and that rich tradition continues to this day. The Department of Medicine has 300 physicians on its staff, many of them actively involved in graduate medical education. The hospital currently participates in integrated residencies in all specialties of Medicine, through its affiliation with the University of Connecticut Health Center.

**St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center:** Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in North Central Connecticut since its founding in 1897 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Licensed for 617 beds, it is one of the largest hospitals in Connecticut and the largest Catholic Hospital in New England. Saint Francis was affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital in 1990, and in October 1995, the two institutions completed a formal merger.

A Regional Referral Center, Saint Francis provides sophisticated, contemporary Medicine with Centers of Excellence in Cardiology, Oncology, Women's and Children's Services, Behavioral Health, Emergency/Trauma Care and Rehabilitation.

With respect to programs in the Department of Medicine, the hospital's unique Diabetes Care Center is considered a national model. The first hospital in Connecticut to create a Coronary Care Unit, Saint Francis established the Hoffman Heart Institute of Connecticut in 1991. Saint Francis Oncologists participate in National Institutes of Health-sponsored cancer research projects, and the hospital is designated by the American College of Surgeons as a Teaching Hospital Cancer Program.

In 1995, Saint Francis opened The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut on its Mount Sinai campus. In 1996, Saint Francis completed the most ambitious construction project in its history; a 10-story Patient Care Tower that provides a wide variety of inpatient and outpatient services in an easy, convenient manner.

The achievement of excellence at Saint Francis focuses on quality, caring, and the dignity of every patient. The commitment to these values is evident in Saint Francis's fourfold mission of patient care, teaching, research and wellness.

**Connecticut Children's Medical Center:** Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) opened on April 2, 1996 and is a 123-bed, acute care hospital, major teaching hospital, and affiliate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. At CCMC, children do not have to compete with adults for medical care. Everything and everyone is dedicated to serving children, from the child-friendly design of the building, where each inpatient has his or her own room, to the clinical programs and services, all staffed by specialist in Pediatric Medicine and Surgery.

For the first time in Connecticut, all of a child's needs can be met in one freestanding Medical Center devoted completely to the care of children. From primary and preventive care, emergency, acute and intensive care services, to care for children with chronic medical conditions, CCMC is an extraordinary medical asset.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the home of the Pediatric Medicine Residency Program and the Medicine/Pediatric Residency Program for the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

The Medical Center provides major programs in Pediatric Medicine, Orthopedics, Hematology/Oncology and specialty services such as Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Rheumatology and Pulmonary Medicine. Pediatric Surgery, including Pediatric Urology and Neurosurgery continue the comprehensive array of services. CCMC shares some services with Hartford Hospital, which is located directly across from CCMC.

**The Hospital of Central Connecticut:** The Hospital of Central Connecticut is a 414-bed, 32-bassinet, acute-care hospital with campuses in New Britain and Southington.

As a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, we provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in general medicine and surgery and a wide variety of specialties, including but not limited to: Bone health, oncology, cardiovascular, clinical research, obstetrics, diabetes, psychiatry, weight loss, sleep disorders and wound care.

**Mission:** The Hospital of Central Connecticut is dedicated to fostering, sustaining and improving the health status of the people in the communities we serve.

**Vision Statement:** HCC strives to be the provider of choice and central access point for the healthcare needs of the people we serve by ensuring:

- A comprehensive array of medical services, consistent with community needs, in collaboration with our alliance members and medical staff
- Cutting-edge technology and appropriate facilities
- Superior clinical quality and outcomes
- Accessible, compassionate and personalized care to our patients regardless of their ability to pay
- A desirable workplace that makes us the employer of choice
- A commitment to education and research
- Community benefit through active participation in community activities and initiatives

The Hospital of Central Connecticut is a member of the Central Connecticut Health Alliance, a system of healthcare affiliates that provides a wide array of services throughout the region, caring for patients from birth through the end of life.

**The Department of Veterans' Affairs:** [The VA Hospital](#) in Newington is an ambulatory care facility that services military veterans. Clinical services provided include primary care, specialty care, mental health and diagnostic imaging.

**Hospital for Special Care:** The Hospital for Special Care is a 200-bed, long-term, acute care hospital specializing in long-term mechanical ventilation as well as rehabilitation. It has programs for orthopedic rehabilitation, brain injury, spinal cord injury and medically complex conditions. It has one of the largest ventilator-dependent patient populations in the country. In addition, the hospital has a 30-bed Pediatric Unit for technology-dependent and medically complex children.

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