UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

University of Washington Medical Center (UW Medical Center) is a world-renowned academic medical center. UW Medicine physicians and other health professionals based at UW Medical Center provide highly specialized services for cardiac care; cancer care and stem cell transplantation; obstetrical care (including high-risk neonatal intensive care); sports, spine and orthopedics care; and solid organ transplantation. Patients travel from throughout the Pacific Northwest and far beyond for these and other services.

UW Medical Center has been ranked consistently among the top 15 hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, UW Medical Center is ranked No. 1 in the magazine’s 2011-2012 list of best regional hospitals in the Seattle/Tacoma metropolitan area and ranked in the top ten nationally for cancer care. In 1994, the hospital was recognized for excellence in nursing care when it became the nation’s first Magnet Hospital, and it has met the rigorous criteria of the American Nurses Credentialing Center to renew this designation for the fifth consecutive time.

UW Medicine shares in the ownership and governance of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA), along with Seattle Children’s and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and all physicians who practice at SCCA are UW Physicians. Inpatient care for adult oncology patients who receive treatment through the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance is provided at UW Medical Center by UW physicians and staff.

UW Medical Center is an entity of UW Medicine, which also includes Harborview Medical Center, Northwest Hospital & Medical Center, Valley Medical Center, UW Neighborhood Clinics, UW Physicians, UW School of Medicine and Airlift Northwest. All physicians who practice at UW Medical Center are members of the UW Physicians practice group or Children’s University Medical Group (CUMG) and all staff are UW employees.

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**Areas of Specialization**

- Cancer care and blood and marrow transplantation
- Cardiac care, including advanced procedures, complex surgeries, mechanical assist devices and transplantation
- Solid organ transplantation of the liver, kidney, heart, lung, pancreas and intestine
- Obstetrics, including high-risk care
- Level III neonatal intensive care unit
- Sports, spine and orthopedics care
- Otolaryngology-head and neck surgery for treating diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat
- Robotic-assisted surgery for gynecological oncology, urology, otolaryngology and general surgery
- Radiation therapy, including stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT), volumetric modulated arc therapy (VMAT), intraoperative radiation therapy and neutron therapy

**Awards, Accolades & Accomplishments**

- The Joint Commission: Full Accreditation for meeting national performance standards
- The Joint Commission: Center of Excellence, Ventricular Assist Device Program
- Commission on Cancer: Accreditation with Commendation (with Seattle Cancer Care Alliance)
- Washington State Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System: Level I Cardiac Center and Level III Stroke Center
- Qualis Health: Award of Excellence in Healthcare Quality and Leadership in Improving Healthcare
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses: Beacon Award for Excellence (Intensive Care Units)
- U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration: Silver Medals for Liver and Kidney Transplantation Programs; Bronze Medal for Kidney/Pancreas Program
- 30th Annual Dialysis Conference: 50 years of achievement in nephrology nursing
- American Kidney Fund: Recognition of 50th anniversary of chronic dialysis treatment
- Baxter: 50 years of innovation and exceptional care for patients with kidney disease
- First hospital to achieve Magnet Status five times from the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- Practice Greenhealth Leadership Award in Environmental Stewardship

**2012 Statistics**

- Inpatient beds ................................................................. 450
- Employees ................................................................. 4,383
- Admissions ............................................................... 17,915
- Clinic visits ........................................................... 300,487
- Emergency Department visits ......................... 23,487
- Bone Marrow Transplants (w/SCCA) .................. 485
- Organ Transplants .................................................. 263
- Births .................................................................. 1,950

**History**

University Hospital changed its name to the University of Washington Medical Center in 1959 and quickly became a leader in healthcare innovation and standard setting for safe, high-quality patient care.