

**KEY DATES IN THE HISTORY OF
SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

1897

Formal opening of Saint Francis Hospital under the direction of Mother Ann Valencia, with accommodations for 30 ward and two private patients.

1898

Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing founded.

1899

Incorporation of Saint Francis Hospital under charter granted by State of Connecticut.

Cornerstone of new building on Collins Street blessed.

1900

Sister John Teresa becomes first graduate of School of Nursing.
Anthony J. Moore, M.D., becomes Saint Francis' first intern.

1901

New building, providing an additional 52 beds, blessed.

1903

Sisters from Saint Francis aid in fighting a scarlet fever epidemic in Hartford, setting up a temporary isolation unit on Sisson Avenue.

1904

Another building erected, providing 120 more beds.

1906

First baby born in newly established obstetrical service.
Pediatric service established.

1908

Ellen P. O'Flaherty, M.D., becomes first woman to be named to Saint Francis staff.

1919

Saint Francis named an Army Reserve hospital.

1920

New maternity building on Ashley Street opened.

1926

Women's Auxiliary founded; Mrs. F. Arthur Emmett elected first president.

1936

Mother Ann Valencia dies.

1937

Mother Mary Xavier appointed hospital superintendent.

1938

Ground broken for Dillon Memorial building.

Rev. John Louis Bonn, S.J., publishes *So Falls the Elm Tree*, a history of Saint Francis Hospital.

1939

Dillon Memorial building dedicated.

Renovation of older portion of hospital permits additional bed space.

1941

Sisters of Saint Joseph occupy Saint Maurice Convent on Ashley Street.

1942

Saint Francis is first hospital in Hartford to initiate volunteer Red Cross nurse's aide course.

1944

Saint Joseph College offers course in conjunction with hospital leading to degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

1945

Mother Mary Xavier is succeeded as administrator by Mother Bernard Mary.

1946

Social Service Department established.

1947

Maternity wing breaks all records with 2,688 newborns, including 37 sets of twins.

1948

Several new buildings acquired, including new interns' home.

1951

Bishop Maurice F. McAuliffe Memorial Lying-In Pavilion opened.

1953

Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation opens.

1954

Saint Francis becomes first area hospital to establish post-polio program.

1956

Saint Francis receives \$250,000 grant from Ford Foundation to initiate construction plans for new wing.

1957

Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Section established.

1958

Ground broken for Archbishop O'Brien building.

1959

Intensive Care Unit established.

Rooming-In Unit for mothers and babies established.

1960

Cornerstone laid for new eight-story Archbishop O'Brien building; first three floors ready for patients.

Oldest hospital building demolished to make way for new Emergency Room.

1961

Dedication of Archbishop O'Brien building raises Saint Francis' bed complement to 602.

New Emergency Room opened.

1962

Cobalt Unit opened.

Mother Bernard Mary succeeded by Sister Mary Madeleine Forcier as administrator.

1963

Sixth and Seventh floors of Archbishop O'Brien building completed, raising total bed capacity to 654.

1965

Saint Francis establishes first Coronary Care Unit in Connecticut.

Four-acre lot on Collins Street purchased from Security Insurance Group for parking purposes; Hotel Bond purchased for School of Nursing.

1966

Woodland Park apartments purchased to provide housing for married interns and resident physicians.

1967

\$18.8 million expansion plan announced.

School of Nursing moves into former Hotel Bond; former school razed to make way for new wing.

1968

First affiliation agreement signed with just-established University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

1969

Ground broken for McGovern Pavilion, new medical-surgical wing.

1970

New policy permits fathers in delivery room.

1972

McGovern Pavilion dedicated, raising bed complement to 701.

1973

Sister Mary Madeleine Forcier retires. Sister Francis Marie Garvey is named executive director.

1974

Saint Francis is among founding members of Capital Area Health Consortium.

1975

Security Insurance Company building and grounds, at 1000 Asylum Avenue, purchased for use as ambulatory care center.

1976

Name changed to Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, reflecting expanded role in providing health care services to community.
Gengras Ambulatory Care Center dedicated.

1977

Intensive care nursery expanded and multi-level neonatal program begun in concert with other area hospitals.

1978

Family-centered maternity program established, featuring home-like delivery room and sibling visitation area.

1979

Tel-Med, telephone health information service, begun under grant from Heublein Corporation.

Major expansion of dental services includes construction of Community Dental Center at 140 Woodland Street.

1980

Quality Assurance Program established.

1981

Child Care Center opened for employees.

1982

Corporate reorganization undertaken.
Outpatient Oncology Center opened.

1985

Saint Francis becomes receiving hospital for LIFE STAR medical helicopters.

1986

Geriatric Unit opened.

1987

Sister Francis Marie Garvey named president; Most Rev. John F. Whealon named chairman of board of directors.

1988

Sister Francis Marie Garvey retires; David D'Eramo, Ph.D., becomes the first lay person to serve as president and chief executive officer.

1989

Saint Francis opens Hartford's first roof-top helipad for LIFE STAR medical helicopters.

New Emergency/Trauma Center opened.

1990

Affiliation with Mount Sinai Hospital, believed to be the first such collaboration between a Catholic hospital and a Jewish hospital in United States history.

New Education/Research Center opened.

1991

Hoffman Heart Institute of Connecticut established, first comprehensive heart institute in southern New England.

Ground broken for new outpatient cancer center.

1992

Most Rev. Daniel A. Cronin becomes chairman of board of directors when named to succeed the late Most Rev. John F. Whealon as Archbishop of Hartford.

Hoffman Heart Institute performs first excimer laser coronary angioplasty in northern Connecticut.

1993

Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center dedicated.

The Center for Behavioral Health established, combining the resources of Saint Francis, Mount Sinai and The BlueRidge Center into a comprehensive system of mental health and substance abuse services.

Ground broken for Patient Care Tower.

1994

Ground broken on the Mount Sinai Campus for The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut, a comprehensive medical rehabilitation facility.

Saint Francis Women's Auxiliary and the Auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital jointly open the *Repetitions* thrift shop in the 140 Woodland St. medical office building on the Saint Francis Campus.

Annual Cardiovascular Symposium, the longest running program of its type in the United States, renamed the Robert M. Jeresaty, M.D., Cardiovascular Symposium in honor of its founder.

1995

Formal corporate merger with Mount Sinai Hospital becomes effective.

Cancer Center renamed *The Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation Pavilion -- Home of the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center* in recognition of \$3 million gift.

Affiliation agreement signed with Bristol Hospital.

Affiliation agreement signed with Greater Hartford Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, Inc., also known as The Rehab Center.

Asylum Hill Family Practice Center, a joint program with the University of Connecticut Health Center, moves to new, expanded facilities on the Saint Francis Campus.

Ground broken on Mount Sinai Campus for new Burgdorf/Fleet Health Center.

Grant received from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to establish Senior Health & Wellness Center.

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut opens on the Mount Sinai Campus.

The Dr. Frederick Adams Health Center opens in Hartford's Stowe Village Housing Project.

Saint Francis is designated a Level I Trauma Center by the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services.

1996

Separate inpatient maternity and neonatal services on Saint Francis and Mount Sinai Campuses combined into single service in anticipation of the opening of women's pavilion in the new Patient Care Tower.

Merger with Suffield Visiting Nurse Association.

Ten-story Patient Care Tower dedicated.

Affiliation agreement signed with Saint Mary's Hospital, Waterbury

Three-dimensional radiation treatment planning for patients with prostate cancer introduced by Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center.

1997

Observance of centennial of hospital's founding.

Saint Francis *Care*, Inc., an integrated health care delivery system established.

Final two-year class graduates from Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing; transition to the new Saint Francis-Saint Joseph College Nursing Program.

Hospitality suites opened, allowing family members to stay in hospital overnight near patients.

Hoffman Heart Institute surgeons become first in state to perform port-access open-heart surgery.

Burgdorf/Fleet Health Center dedicated on Mount Sinai Campus.

Alcohol & Drug Recovery Centers affiliates with Saint Francis *Care*.

HealthChoice of Connecticut and Yale Preferred Health merge to create Connecticut's largest provider sponsored health maintenance organization.

Saint Francis is first hospital in Connecticut to provide photodynamic therapy for certain cancers.

1998

Saint Francis named one of the 100 Top Hospitals™ in the United States by HCIA and William M. Mercer, Inc.

Acquisition by Saint Francis *Care* of Elmcrest Psychiatric Institute, Portland, creates Elmcrest Behavioral Health Network.

Saint Francis *Care* Center for Women's Health established in free-standing building at 1075 Asylum Ave.

Saint Francis and Bristol Hospital establish Collaborative Laboratory Services, providing medical laboratory services to the two hospitals and other health care providers.

Weekly television program, *Saint Francis Care Today*, premieres.

Sculptor Karen Rossi named Saint Francis' first artist in residence.

Medical exchange program established with Cape Verde.

1999

Saint Francis again named one of the 100 Top Hospitals™ in the United States by HCIA and William M. Mercer, Inc.

Saint Francis also named one of the 100 Top Hospitals in the United States for Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery by HCIA and William M. Mercer, Inc.

Alcohol & Drug Recovery Centers, Inc. relocates its Detoxification Center and administrative offices to Mount Sinai Campus.

Saint Francis *Care* Behavioral Health established, bringing together the individual programs of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, the BlueRidge Center and Elmcrest Hospital.

Saint Francis *Care* Behavioral Health affiliates with New Directions, Inc., a provider of outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment services in north central Connecticut.

Comprehensive Breast Health Center established.

Major renovations begun in Emergency/Trauma Center.

Health Learning Center established.

2000

Saint Francis *Care* named one of the country's Top 100 Integrated Health Care Networks by SMG Marketing Group.

BabyPressConference.com introduced, allowing parents to hold private Webcasts with newborns.

Aetna Foundation Children's Center, Saint Francis' child abuse program, named one of ten finalists for the American Hospital Association's prestigious NOVA award.

Emergency Department renovations include digital imaging, bedside registration.

Saint Francis joins with Bristol Hospital, Eastern Connecticut Health Network to form Connecticut Occupational Health Partners, L.L.C.

Sculpture dedicated honoring 98-year legacy of Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing. DeSales Hall, 140 Woodland St. Medical Office Building sold.

2001

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center again named one of the country's 100 Top Hospitals™ by Solucient.

Saint Francis' Comprehensive Breast Health Center is the first mammography center in Connecticut to acquire computer aided detection technology.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Connecticut to acquire an advanced computed tomography simulator that allows physicians to more precisely plan and deliver radiation treatments for certain cancers.

Hoffman Heart Institute is first in north central Connecticut with vascular brachytherapy to prevent the continued narrowing of coronary arteries following angioplasty procedures.

Diabetes Care Center moves into new state-of-the-art facilities.

Women's Auxiliary marks 75th anniversary; dedicates Remembrance Way, a brick walkway in the garden outside of the Patient Care Tower.

New Web site, www.saintfranciscare.com, launched, featuring convenient, easy to navigate features.

HealthConnect, new on-site call center, opens.

2002

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is the only hospital in Connecticut to be named by Solucinet to its list of 100 Top Hospitals™ in the United States for overall operations

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is the only hospital in Connecticut to be named by Solucinet to its list of 100 Top Hospitals™ for cardiovascular services.

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is the first hospital in Connecticut to meet each of the standards of The Leapfrog Group for patient safety.

Nuclear Medicine Cardiology Laboratory accredited.

CT (computed tomography) scans offered for coronary artery disease.

Filmless radiology system introduced.

Cancer Center reorganization begun with establishment of organ-specific treatment services.

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center selected to participate in project designed to demonstrate the effectiveness of fuel cells as an energy source.

Renovation of ambulatory clinics begun, funded by \$3.75 million state bond issue.

Affiliation agreement with Diminishing Dimensions.

2003

Saint Francis named one of the 100 Top Hospitals® in the United States for the fifth time, earning the designation of a “Best of the 100 Top Benchmarks Hospital.”

National Research Corporation names Saint Francis the winner of a Consumer Choice Award.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Connecticut to install a fuel cell power plant on its grounds.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Connecticut to acquire the IntelliFill i.v. device for filling syringes in its pharmacy.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Hartford to employ a robotic arm in minimally invasive surgery.

Expectant mothers offered the opportunity to retain a doula to assist them through the birth process.

Emergency medical services consolidated on Saint Francis Campus.

Bio-Z monitoring introduced for patients with congestive heart failure.

Drug-coated stents first implanted in patients undergoing coronary angioplasty.

Chemical dependency unit moved from Portland Campus to Mount Sinai Campus.

Saint Francis begins offering services and classes at the Farmington Valley YMCA, in Granby.

Saint Francis participates in Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s Clinical Quality Program.

Energy Star label awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy.

Executive Care program introduced for business executives.

CareMail patient education e-mail service receives Gold Award in the 10th annual National Health Information Awards.

The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership, Inc. awards Saint Francis a gold innovation award for its Picture Archiving and Communications System.

2004

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, D.D., Archbishop of Hartford, assumes position of Chairman of the Board of Directors; Christopher Dadlez succeeds David D'Eramo, Ph.D., as president and chief executive officer.

Chawla Cardiac Surgery Pavilion opened.

Saint Francis named *Top 100 Hospitals Performance Improvement Leader*; named a *Top 100 Hospital* for the sixth time; named a *Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospital* for the third time.

Butterfly Boutique opened in Cancer Center by Women's Auxiliary.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Hartford to offer early-stage breast cancer patients treatment with the MammoSite® radiation therapy system.

Construction begins for addition to Cancer Center.

Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) treatments provided to cancer patients.

American Cancer Society opens Cancer Resource Center in the Saint Francis Health Learning Center.

Long-term Acute Care Unit opened by the Hospital for Special Care on the Saint Francis Campus.

Photodynamic therapy introduced for patients with Barrett's esophagus with high-grade dysplasia.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program awarded program certification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Saint Francis opens pharmacy in Charter Oak Health Center.

2005

First phase of Cancer Center expansion completed.

Medical offices opened in Bishop's Corner, West Hartford.

Saint Francis awarded full accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Programs.

Saint Francis named one of the *100 Top Hospitals in America* by Solucient for the seventh time, the only Connecticut hospital to achieve such a distinction.

Saint Francis surgeons are the first in Connecticut to employ the EMBOL-X Protection System, which greatly reduces the risk of neurocognitive complications resulting from the "embolic shower" that often occurs during cardiac surgery.

Saint Francis is the first hospital in Greater Hartford to implant the CHARITE artificial disc, intended to eliminate chronic lower back pain.

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut celebrates tenth anniversary.

Saint Francis named a *Performance Improvement Leader* for the second time in Solucient's *100 Top Hospitals: Performance Improvement Leaders* study.

The Hoffman Heart Institute of Cardiac Ultrasound awarded initial accreditation by the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Collaborative agreement signed with American Cancer Society

Saint Francis reaccredited for a three-year term by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut launches the Connecticut Adaptive Rowing Program for individuals with physical disabilities and visual impairments.

2006

New employee parking garage opens, providing space for 700 cars.

Roof raising for new Medical Office Facility in Enfield.

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut is renamed Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in recognition of the 15-year anniversary of the affiliation of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and the former Mount Sinai Hospital.

The Hoffman Heart Institute of Connecticut, based at Saint Francis, receives a \$450,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to establish a women's heart health program.

Saint Francis becomes the first hospital in Connecticut to offer CyberKnife® Stereotactic Radiosurgery treatments for cancers and tumors.

Ground broken for a new Medical Office Building in East Hartford.

Saint Francis receives a Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Silver Innovation prize for a project aimed at optimizing quality of care in patients with congestive heart failure.

PATH, P.C., a Saint Francis *Care* provider, opens new psychiatric assessment and treatment offices in Glastonbury and Simsbury.

Saint Francis receives the 2006 BEACON Medical Technology Award from the Biomedical Engineering Alliance & Consortium for its significant investment in advanced technology in the acquisition of the CyberKnife® Stereotactic Radiosurgery System.

The Sacred Heart University College of Education and Health Professions presents Saint Francis with its 2006 Community Partner Award for collaboration in developing and implementing the R.N. to B.S.N. program.

Saint Francis receives the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Medal of Honor for achieving at least a 75 percent organ donation rate among eligible patients.

Saint Francis again receives ENERGY STAR designation from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy.

Saint Francis named a *CareScience* Select Practice National Quality Leader.

Saint Francis named a Top 50 acute care hospital for quality and safety by the Leapfrog Group.

Saint Francis receives the eHealthcare Strategy & Trends Silver Award in the "Best Rich Media" category in the Physician/Clinician-Focused Site class for the Hospital's Web site Grand Rounds Online feature.

Hoffman Heart Institute of Connecticut renamed Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut to reflect the interrelationship between cardiac and circulatory diseases.

Saint Francis laundry moves to off-campus location in historic factory building at 275 Homestead Avenue.

Saint Francis becomes the first hospital in Greater Hartford to employ the da Vinci® S Robotic Surgical System to perform a hysterectomy.

Flower shop in Patient Care Tower re-opens as *Blossoms*, under the sponsorship of the Women's Auxiliary.

Increased focus placed on inpatient care with the creation of a new hospitalist group, Academic Inpatient Medical Services (AIMS).

State-of-the-art biplane angiography system added to existing interventional cardiology suite.

Saint Francis is one of the first hospitals in the United States to acquire a dual source 128-slice CT scanner, which employs two X-ray tubes to provide precise images of a beating heart within a matter of seconds.

The *Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI)* at Saint Francis is launched. A "hospital within a hospital," it is dedicated to joint replacement surgeries.

The Stroke Center at Saint Francis is established.

The Bariatric Center at Saint Francis is established and accredited as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and the Surgical Review Corporation.

Saint Francis *Care Medical Office Facility* in Enfield opens.

Saint Francis named a *Blue Center of Distinction* for cardiac care by the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association.

Saint Francis receives a *Partners for Change Award* from Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) in recognition of its achievements in improving environmental performance.

Saint Francis named a *Five-Star Hospital* and recognized as a community value provider by Cleverly + Associates, a healthcare financial consulting firm.

Largest gift in history of Hospital to date: a \$5 million bequest from the estate of Nancy and Daniel O'Connell. In recognition, the new north tower will be named the *John T. O'Connell Tower*, in memory of their late son who was treated for cancer at Saint Francis.

CQIA Silver Innovation Prize awarded for being an early adopter of bar code point of care technology.

President's Volunteer Service Award received in recognition of more than 700 individuals who contributed more than 67,400 hours of service to the Hospital in 2006.