

Saint Francis at a Glance

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 affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital in 1990 to create a new regional health care system. This was the first recorded instance of collaboration between a Catholic hospital and a Jewish hospital in United States history. In October 1995, the two institutions completed a formal corporate merger.

A regional referral center, Saint Francis provides sophisticated, contemporary medicine with major clinical concentrations in cardiology, oncology, women's and children's services, behavioral health, emergency/trauma care and rehabilitation. The achievement of excellence is emphasized through the establishment of centers of excellence, which focus on quality, caring and the dignity of every patient.

Saint Francis' history of leadership is continued today with innovative programs responsive to community needs. The Hospital's unique programs in diabetes and traumatic brain injury are regarded as national models.

The first hospital in Connecticut to create a coronary care unit, Saint Francis, in 1991, established the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, another first for the state. The institute enables Saint Francis to better focus its excellence in cardiac diagnosis and treatment, research, education and prevention.

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.

Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital opened in 1995 on the Hospital's north campus, originally as The Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut. The name was changed in 2006 in recognition of the fifteen-year anniversary of the affiliation between Saint Francis and Mount Sinai. The 60-bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation facility provides a level of care that previously was not available in Hartford. It offers major programs in traumatic brain injury, stroke/neurological rehabilitation, sports medicine and general rehabilitation, including spinal cord injury and orthopedics.

In 1996, Saint Francis completed the most ambitious construction project in its history, a 10-story Patient Care Tower, which provides a wide variety of inpatient and outpatient services in an easy, convenient manner.