University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

As part of Iowa’s only comprehensive academic medical center, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics offers care and hope to patients, discovers new ways to treat disease, and trains tomorrow’s health professionals. These missions are carried out in collaboration with the UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine under an integrated alliance called University of Iowa Health Care.

As a leading teaching hospital with a full range of specialty care available around the clock, UI Hospitals and Clinics serves as a regional referral center, attracting patients from across the state and the U.S., as well as many other nations. The comprehensive academic medical center houses the Hawkeye State’s only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, its only Burn Treatment Center, its highest rated neonatal intensive care unit, and the most comprehensive transplantation program in Iowa. Other areas of strength include oncology, the neurosciences, and cardiovascular care. UI Children’s Hospital serves as the state’s premier resource for comprehensive care of children.

With 708 inpatient beds, UI Hospitals and Clinics and its 7,400 health professionals annually care for 30,000 acutely ill children and adults. Faculty and staff also provide high-quality care during nearly 880,000 clinic visits each year.

UI Hospitals and Clinics has a long history of innovation and advancement, having pioneered the heart-lung machine, performed the first horizontal gastroplasty surgery for morbid obesity, implanted the first multi-channel cochlear implant in the U.S., established the world’s first bone marrow registry, pioneered pediatric robotic surgery, and performed the world’s first magnetically guided lung procedure using Stereotaxis®.

U.S. News & World Report magazine consistently ranks UI Hospitals and Clinics among “America’s Best Hospitals.” In the most recent survey, otolaryngology and ophthalmology ranked in the top ten and seven others—orthopaedic surgery (bones and joints), cancer, neurology/neurosurgery, gynecology, kidney disease, urology, and digestive disorders, ranked in the top 50 for their respective categories.

The “Best Doctors in America” database recognizes nearly 270 UI Physicians, nearly half of the over 500 individual Iowa physicians listed on the nationwide database. The selected UI physicians come from 37 medical specialties.

Other recognition received by UI Hospitals and Clinics includes:
- First Iowa hospital to receive the Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence
- Certified as a Level I (highest) Trauma Center
- Verified for burn care by the American College of Surgeons and the American Burn Association
- Wellmark Blue Distinction Center℠ in three areas: cardiac care, bariatric (weight loss) surgery, and complex and rare cancers
- Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval™ as a Primary Stroke