



About Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois, is a tertiary care, academic and research hospital, and the only Level I trauma center in the northwest suburban region of Chicago. It was founded in Chicago in 1897, and celebrated its 50th year at its Park Ridge location in 2009. Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital is one of the most comprehensive providers of pediatric care in the state. It is the only children's hospital in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago, a Level III perinatal facility (the highest designation) and a Pediatric Critical Care Center. The children's hospital serves as a major Midwest referral center for infants and children, especially for complex illnesses and chronic conditions. The hospitals are part of Advocate Health Care, which is the largest health care provider in Illinois and one of the nation's top health care systems.

Overview

- 638-bed hospital
- A medical staff of physicians, dentists and other professionals who have distinguished themselves throughout Chicagoland as clinicians, teachers, researchers and leaders in the health care industry
- Sixth largest hospital in the Chicago metropolitan area; largest employer in the City of Park Ridge
- Level III perinatal facility, with encouraged family-centered care, private labor, delivery and recovery rooms
- Approximately 1,100 physicians representing 68 specialties and subspecialties
- Affiliated with several area medical schools, and is one of the largest non-university training centers for primary care physicians in Illinois
- Level I trauma center, providing 24-hour specialty care, treating more than 52,000 patients each year, and serving as a resource hospital to the 12 Level II trauma centers in the region

Key Site Accomplishments

Lutheran General Hospital is one of the most nationally distinguished hospitals in the north and northwest suburban region of Illinois:

- Recognized 13 times as one of the 100 Top Hospitals and 15 top major teaching hospitals in the country by Thomson Reuters National Benchmarks for Success study
- Rated for 10 years by the *US News & World Report* as one of America's Best Hospitals, receiving top 50 in the nations ratings for medical excellence and advanced capabilities in many specialties
- Ranked 15th in the Chicago metro area in *U.S. News & World Report's* first—ever Best Hospitals metro area rankings
- Re-designated a Blue Distinction Center for spine surgery, knee and hip replacement by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois given to facilities that demonstrate expertise in delivering quality healthcare
- Selected as one of the country's top cardiovascular hospitals by the Thomson Reuters *100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success* study
- First hospital in north/northwest suburban Chicago to receive the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) prestigious Magnet designation and one of only 2 percent of the nation's hospitals to be redesignated with this highest honor and level of recognition awarded to nursing excellence

- Repeated recipient of multiple awards and top rankings from HealthGrades, a national hospital-rating agency
- Received the Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers' national innovation award for the hospital's alignment of graduate medical education with hospital quality/safety initiatives

- Named by *ADVANCE for Nurses* magazine as top hospitals for quality care, organizational culture, professional development, communication and retention efforts in its annual Readers' Choice survey
- Recipient of four *Partners of Change* awards from Practice Greenhealth in recognition of continuing efforts to practice environmentally responsible operations and planning

Clinical Excellence

- Eight-story, 192-room patient tower opened in 2009 featuring private rooms to provide advanced care for adults and children, including intensive care, cancer, neurology/stroke, medical/surgical and obstetric patients. The patient tower is the first hospital building in the midwest to be awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council
- Named Blue Distinction Centers for cardiac care, spine surgery, knee and hip replacement by Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission in recognition of its exceptional outcomes for patients
- Is one of only 25 hospitals in the nation to achieve exemplary outcomes for surgical patient care, according to the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program

- Created The Esophageal Center at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, a comprehensive pediatric digestive disorders program focusing on advanced medical and surgical approaches
- Received the American Heart Association's *Get With The Guidelines* gold award in recognition of its coronary artery disease patient care and outcomes
- Achieved significantly better than the 30-day mortality rate national average for heart attack patients according to a three-year Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) study
- Is one of 60 neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) in the nation participating in Vermont Oxford quality/safety partnership
- Launched a comprehensive breast cancer risk assessment/prevention program through its Caldwell Breast Center

Community Commitment and Philanthropy

Community outreach programs include many wellness offerings, health fairs, screenings and lectures provided free throughout the year. Other programs include:

- The first school-based health center in the northwest suburbs offering free or low-cost services to students and their families
- The first health literacy awareness campaign in the northwest suburbs to teach physicians and health care workers throughout the community how to identify and communicate effectively with individuals who cannot read, understand or act on basic health information
- A melanoma/sun screen initiative for high school athletes
- The Campaign for Excellence at Lutheran General, which surpassed its stretch goal by raising more than \$26 million in donations and pledges

- In 2010 donors gave just over \$2.3 million to Lutheran General Hospital and Lutheran General Children's Hospital.
 - \$1 million in donations advanced medical research and education
 - \$705,000 in donations supported clinical and outreach programs
 - \$222,000 in donations supported patients and families

Advanced Technology

- Center for Advanced Care featuring a leading-edge Cancer Care Center, Center for Advanced Imaging and the Richard G. and Carol Caldwell Breast Center
- The region's largest multi-specialty robotic-assisted surgery program for minimally invasive colorectal, general surgery, gynecology, oncology/gynecology, pediatric urology, thoracic, urogynecology and urology procedures
- The state's first Time-of-Flight positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) technology

- First hospital in the state to offer the revolutionary intra-operative MRI treatment of brain tumors
- The Midwest's first electronic intensive care unit (eICU) providing intensive care patients with around-the-clock, real-time audio and video monitoring from one central command center
- The state's largest hyperbaric treatment center for a diverse array of health conditions including non-healing wounds associated with diabetes, chronic bone infections and radiation tissue damage

2010 Patient Service Statistics

Admissions	29,242	Outpatient registrations	182,460
Deliveries	3,783	Surgeries	18,340
Emergency department visits	57,225		

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