

Howard County General Hospital

From its beginnings as the Columbia Hospital and Clinics Foundation in 1973, Howard County General Hospital has evolved into a 267-bed, comprehensive, acute-care medical center specializing in women's and children's services, surgery, cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, gerontology, psychiatry, emergency services and community health education.

Nationally and Internationally Recognized Care

Howard County General Hospital has been recognized by several national organizations for its initiatives to enhance clinical excellence. The hospital has been recognized by HealthGrades as a distinguished hospital for clinical excellence for three years in a row (2009, 2010, and 2011). Given to the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation, the award recognizes superior clinical quality in treating the most common conditions for hospitalized patients.

Part of a Premier Integrated System

Howard County General Hospital is a member of Johns Hopkins Medicine, one of the world's premier, integrated health systems, with six hospitals, four community-based health care and surgery centers, over 30 primary health care sites throughout Maryland, managed care and home care services, and 14 overseas affiliates and management agreements.

Among Howard County General Hospital's specialty services are:

Cancer Services

- Breast Health Services, offering mammography and a variety of biopsy options, including ultrasound-guided needle localization and stereotactic methods
- Center for Breast Care, guiding breast cancer patients through the maze of diagnostic and treatment options
- Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource Center, offering support for cancer patients, including a resources library and support groups, as well as hair and skin products, wigs and prostheses
- The hospital's cancer program is accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons

Intensive Care

- A highly specialized 16-bed unit dedicated to the needs of adults requiring intensive monitoring and care services involving cardiac, medical and surgical care
- Recognized by HealthGrades as the top hospital in Maryland for overall critical care

Outpatient Rehabilitation

- Comprehensive treatment for a variety of adult diagnoses, including Parkinson's disease, stroke, traumatic brain injury and more
- Outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation, offers patients with chronic lung disease an individualized regimen of exercise, education, breathing retraining, and coping and support skills
- Comprehensive treatment for pediatric disorders such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy and developmental disorders

Pediatrics

- Children's Care Center, a comprehensive pediatric unit providing emergency, observational and inpatient services for more than 20,000 children each year

- 18-bed, state-designated Level III+ neonatal intensive care unit, part of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, where critically ill newborns receive care from Johns Hopkins' neonatologists and specially trained registered nurses

Women's Services and Obstetrics

- Labor, Delivery and Recovery Unit, with the fifth highest volume of deliveries (3,000+) in the state; and 12 delivery rooms providing comfort and privacy in the safety of the hospital's technologically advanced environment
- A 34-bed postpartum unit and newborn nursery
- Center for Maternal Fetal Medicine, providing comprehensive, multidisciplinary management of high-risk pregnancies

Other Specialty Services

- Center for Wound Healing, multidisciplinary approach using the most advanced tools for the diagnosis and treatment of nonhealing wounds
- Psychiatric Emergency Unit, a separate, secure unit designed and staffed to treat patients in need of mental health services
- The Joint Academy, a comprehensive program for total joint replacement surgery that offers a partnership between the patient, doctor and hospital
- HCGH has been designated a Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip ReplacementSM and Spine Surgery by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.
- Wellness Center, offering outreach and education programs ranging from CPR instruction to child and adult safety classes to diet and nutritional counseling