

Howard County General Hospital

From its beginnings as the Columbia Hospital and Clinics Foundation in 1973, Howard County General Hospital has evolved into a 263-bed, comprehensive, acute-care medical center specializing in women's and children's services, surgery, cardiology, oncology, orthopaedics, 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 was recognized as a 2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by the Joint Commission in the areas of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma and perinatal care. The Top Performer program recognizes accredited hospitals that attain excellence in measurable performance based on data reported about evidence-based care processes. The hospital has been recognized by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association with the Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Award and Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Quality Achievement Award.

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 40 primary health care sites throughout Maryland, managed care and home care services, and numerous overseas affiliates and management agreements.

Among Howard County General Hospital's specialty services are:

Women's Services and Obstetrics

- Labor and Delivery Unit, with the fifth highest volume of deliveries (3,300+) 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
- Center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine, providing comprehensive, multidisciplinary management of high-risk pregnancies

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

Intensive Care

- A highly specialized unit dedicated to the needs of adults requiring intensive monitoring and care services involving cardiac, medical and surgical care

Cancer Services

- Breast Center, offering a variety of diagnostic and treatment options
- Claudia Mayer/Tina Broccolino Cancer Resource Center, offering support for cancer patients, including a resource library and support groups, as well as hair and skin products, wigs, and prostheses

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

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 among the patient, doctor and hospital
- The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems designation as a Cardiac Interventional Center, Primary Stroke Center and a Perinatal Referral Center
- Services and programs outside of the hospital to meet the needs of people where they are, such as school-based telemedicine, coordinated access to outpatient stabilization for urgent behavioral health issues and transition support for a continued treatment, faith-based initiative to empower people to manage their health.
- Community Care Team, which works with patients and families to ensure a smooth hospital-to-home transition, coordinates clinical care and ensures community-based supports are in place to help patients improve their health and reduce the likelihood of preventable hospital readmission.
- Health promotion and education programs to help residents take charge of their health and help others. Areas include managing chronic disease, mother-baby education and assisting with a mental health crisis.