Yale-New Haven Hospital

HISTORY
Yale-New Haven Hospital was founded in 1826 as the first hospital in Connecticut and the fourth voluntary hospital in the nation. From the beginning, it was affiliated with the Medical Institution of Yale College. Although its official name was the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, it was called the State Hospital. In 1884, the name changed to New Haven Hospital, since by then, a second hospital had opened in the state. In 1945, New Haven Hospital merged with Grace Hospital and became Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. In 1965, a more formal affiliation agreement with Yale University and its School of Medicine led to the name Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Yale-New Haven provides advanced treatment in a variety of areas, including surgery, cardiology, cancer, pediatrics, geriatrics, women’s services, neurology and more. YNHH is affiliated with Yale Cancer Center, one of the National Cancer Institute’s 41 comprehensive cancer centers in the country.

YNHH is the flagship member of the Yale New Haven Health System, Connecticut’s leading healthcare system, which also includes Bridgeport and Greenwich Hospitals and their affiliated organizations. Yale-New Haven’s two New Haven-based inpatient campuses include Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital.

YNHH’s York Street campus and associated ambulatory sites are Magnet-designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Missions: patient care, teaching, research, community service

Patient Care: YNHH provides sensitive, high-quality health care to all patients, serving as a primary care center for New Haven-area residents and a referral center for patients from around the state and country.

Teaching: YNHH serves as the primary teaching hospital for Yale School of Medicine and offers training opportunities for nurses and other allied health care professionals.

Research: YNHH provides the setting for ongoing clinical research that helps bring medical advances from the laboratory to the patient’s bedside.

Community Service: YNHH serves the community with public health advocacy, support and services which respond to the area’s healthcare needs through health education, health promotion and access to care.

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2012 facts and figures:

- Average length of stay: 5.21 days
- Average daily census: 830.9
- Total discharges: 59,427
- Pediatric discharges: 4,970
- Newborns: 5,799
- Patient days of care: 309,398
- Emergency room visits: 122,108
- Total outpatient visits: 774,085
- Operating expenses: $1.6 billion
- Free and uncompensated care costs: $254,671
- Medical staff: 3,642
- Employees: 11,512
- Chief Executive Officer: Marna P. Borgstrom
- President & COO: Richard D’Aquila
- Chairman of the Board: Joseph R. Crespo
- Chief of Staff: Peter N. Herbert, MD

Mailing address:
Yale-New Haven Hospital
20 York Street
New Haven, CT 06510-3202

Web site: www.ynhh.org
Important Telephone Numbers:

Admitting (Adult)  (203) 688-2221
Admitting (Children’s Hospital)  (203) 688-3331
Admitting (Psychiatric Hospital)  (203) 688-9907
Directions to YNHH  (203) 688-1234
Emergency Department (Adult)  (203) 688-2222
Emergency Department (Pediatric)  (203) 688-3333
General Information  (203) 688-4242
Parking  (203) 688-2623
Patient Information  (203) 688-4177
Patient Relations  (203) 688-3430
Physician Referral  (203) 688-2000
Public Relations  (203) 688-2488
Protective Services/Security  (203) 688-2500
Recruitment and Staffing  (203) 688-5083
Volunteer Services  (203) 688-2297
Yale New Haven Physician & Services Referral Center  (203) 688-2000
(888) 700-6543

Staff: More than 13,000 employees, 4,800 university and community physicians practicing more than 100 medical specialties. YNHH is considered the employer-of-choice among hospitals in Connecticut, and has been named one of the nation’s top employers by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Becker’s Hospital Review, Working Mother and Family Digest magazines and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Yale-New Haven’s contributions to medicine:

1896 — First X-ray in the U.S. produced by Arthur Wright at Yale
1942 — First successful clinical use of penicillin in the U.S.
1942 — First use of chemotherapy as a cancer treatment in the U.S.
1946 — First U.S. hospital to allow healthy newborns stay in rooms with mothers
1949 — First artificial heart pump developed (now at the Smithsonian)
1949 — First U.S. hospital to introduce natural childbirth as a general service
1956 — First hospital in Connecticut to perform open-heart surgery
1957 — Fetal heart monitoring used for the first time
1959 — Discovery of melatonin
1960 — First intensive care unit for newborns in the world
1963 — First linear accelerator in the state for cancer treatment
1975 — Identified and named Lyme disease
1979 — Developed first insulin infusion pump for diabetics
1983 — First in vitro fertilization birth in New England
1984 — First skin bank in New England
1993 — First in state to use non-invasive stereotactic breast biopsy
2007 — First in state to perform split liver transplant
2008 — First in state to perform living donor liver transplant
2009 — First in state to remove gallbladder transvaginally
2011 — First in state to perform bronchial thermoplasty for severe asthma

Recognition:
For several years, U.S. News & World Report has recognized Yale-New Haven Hospital as one of the nation’s top hospitals in its annual “America’s Best Hospitals” rankings, with several YNHH specialties regularly included among the top 50 in the United States.