

# 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 Hospital (YNHH) is a 1,008-bed teaching hospital, located in New Haven, Connecticut. YNHH, affiliated with Yale Schools of Medicine and Nursing, includes Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and Smilow Cancer 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 also includes the Yale-New Haven Shoreline Medical Center, Temple Ambulatory Services and Temple Recovery Care Center.

YNHH is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Magnet hospital.

## 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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## 2011 facts and figures:

Average length of stay: **5.24 days**

Average daily census: **824.6**

Total discharges: **57,451**

Pediatric discharges: **5,094**

Newborns: **4,595**

Patient days of care: **300,989**

Emergency room visits: **137,911**

Total outpatient visits: **638,361**

Operating expenses: **\$1.4 billion**

Free and uncompensated care costs: **\$183,713**

Medical staff: **3,855**

Employees: **7,950**

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:

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## 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  
(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 8,000 employees, including 1,700 registered nurses; 3,200 university and community physicians and more than 600 resident 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), *Working Mother*, *Essence* 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 about a dozen YNHH specialties regularly included among the top 50 in the United States.



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