Denver Health Facts

Founded on the banks of Cherry Creek in 1860, Denver Health reflects the historical mission of our nation’s public safety net hospitals.

Denver Health integrates acute hospital and emergency care with public and community health to deliver preventive, primary and acute care services. This integration promotes continuity of care for each patient. Integration also assures health care that is delivered in the most efficient, cost-effective setting. Denver Health cares for almost one-third of Denver County’s population annually, and treats 66,000 children each year.

Denver Health Medical Center
Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC) is Denver Health’s acute care hospital. With 525-licensed beds, DHMC is one of the state’s busiest hospitals with more than 25,000 admissions annually.

Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center
Denver Health Medical Center is home to the Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center (RMRTC), the region’s only ACS certified Adult Level I and Pediatric Level II trauma center. It is highly regarded as one of the best trauma centers in the nation.

911 Emergency Response
Denver Health operates Denver’s 911 medical emergency response system. In 2015, Denver Health paramedics responded to more than 100,000 calls for emergency medical assistance and transported more than 70,000 patients to 12 area hospitals.

Community Health Services
Denver Health’s Community Health Services managed 477,271 visits in 2015.

Family Health Centers — Nine family health centers located throughout Denver neighborhoods provide convenient primary care services.

School-Based Health Centers — Seventeen School-based Health Centers in Denver Public Schools offer on-site medical care to elementary, middle and high school students.

Public Health
Denver Public Health (DPH) serves as the center for communicable disease reporting, surveillance, investigation, and control for the City and County of Denver.

An integral part of Denver Health, infectious disease physicians from DPH work with hospital physicians on disease prevention and treatment throughout the hospital and family health centers.

Through numerous grant-funded programs, DPH conducts important research on infectious diseases including hepatitis surveillance, tuberculosis clinical trials, HIV/AIDS prevention, counseling, testing and treatment, and vaccine trials.

Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center
Denver Health offers many alternatives to expensive emergency room visits and/or hospitalization. The Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center (RMPDC) handles many minor poisoning emergencies by telephone. In addition, the Center’s staff of toxicologists cares for seriously ill patients in the hospital. RMPDC answered 158,862 calls in 2015.

Through Denver Health’s 24-hour NurseLine, more than 170,000 patients get free and confidential answers to health-related questions, avoiding costly emergency room visits.

Denver CARES
Behavioral Health Services manages Denver CARES, a 100-bed, non-medical facility, which provided a safe setting for more than 28,000 detoxifying episodes in 2015.

Quality
Among 121 leading academic hospitals in the US (University HealthSystem Consortium), Denver Health has ranked in the best ten percent for inpatient survival for seven consecutive years and has received a 4 or 5 star ranking in overall quality for 10 consecutive years.
Denver Health Figures

Denver Health Medical Center
Total Inpatient Admissions ........................................... 25,532
Total Babies Delivered .................................................. 3,413
Total Inpatient Surgeries ............................................. 4,127
Total Outpatient Surgeries ........................................... 6,924

Emergency Medical Services
Responded to 911 Medical Emergency Calls .................... 104,524
Patients Transported to Area Hospitals (12) ...................... 70,734
Emergency Department Encounters ............................... 59,406
Denver Emergency Center for Children Visits ................. 26,712
Adult Urgent Care Clinic Visits ...................................... 38,864
Total Emergency/Urgent Care Visits .............................. 124,982

Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center
Pediatric Trauma ........................................................... 170
Adult Trauma ............................................................... 2,240
Total Trauma Admissions .............................................. 2,410

Behavioral Health Services
Adults ........................................................................ 1,212
Pediatrics .................................................................... 613
Total Admissions .......................................................... 1,825

Occupational Health and Safety
Worker’s Compensation ................................................. 5,572
Non-worker’s Compensation ........................................... 20,129
Total Patient Visits ....................................................... 25,701

Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center
Total Human Exposures ................................................ 93,258
  Human Exposures Involving Children .........................
    Age 19 And Under ..................................................... 51,012
  Human Exposures Involving Children .........................
    Age 5 And Under ..................................................... 38,949
  Human Exposures Managed ........................................
    Onsite/Non-health Care Facility ................................ 63,086
Total Calls ................................................................. 158,862

Denver Health NurseLine
Total Calls .................................................................. 171,101

Community Health Services
Clinic Visits ................................................................ 391,761
Dental Services ............................................................. 47,611
Mental Health ............................................................... 32,438
Case Management/Community Education .................... 5,461
Total Patient Visits ...................................................... 477,271

Specialty Care Clinics
Medical Specialty Division ............................................ 19,584
Surgery Clinic ............................................................... 10,591
Orthopedic Clinic ......................................................... 19,453
Urology Clinic .............................................................. 3,066
Eye Clinic .................................................................... 20,769
Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic ......................................... 5,254
Total Denver Health Specialty Care Patient Visits ........ 78,717
Physical Therapy Encounters ........................................ 118,345
Nutrition and WIC Visits .............................................. 60,868

Denver Public Health Clinics
Immunization and Travel Clinic ...................................... 10,908
Infectious Disease/AIDS Clinic .................................... 16,875
Metro Health (STD) Clinic ............................................ 15,515
Tuberculosis Clinic ........................................................ 21,754
Total Patient Visits ...................................................... 65,052

Denver CARES Community Detoxification
Detoxification Episodes ................................................. 28,403
DUI Episodes ................................................................. 813
Total Encounters ......................................................... 29,216

Additional Denver Health Figures
Birth Certificate Copies Issued ....................................... 28,367
Death Certificate Copies Issued ..................................... 33,365
Inpatient Meals Served ................................................ 629,800
Laboratory Tests Performed ......................................... 1,727,332
Medical Imaging Diagnostic Exams (X-rays) ................. 190,176
Outpatient Prescriptions Filled ..................................... 790,231
Pounds of Laundry Processed ....................................... 3,751,579
Volunteer Hours .......................................................... 28,394

© 2016 Denver Health