



The Bexar County Hospital District, doing business as University Health System, is a political subdivision of the state of Texas. The legal entity was created in 1955 to provide medical care to the indigent of Bexar County.

University Health's origins date back to 1916 when the city of San Antonio and the county of Bexar jointly sponsored the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital to provide medical services to the community's indigent.

Today, University Health is the third largest public health system in the state of Texas and is one of the largest employers in Bexar County with over 4,100 employees, nearly 700 resident physicians, and an operating budget of \$640.5 million for 2006.



The University Hospital operates about 400 acute care and specialty beds and serves as the lead Level I trauma center for a 22-county area of South/Central Texas. University Health's network of community outpatient and inpatient facilities provides primary care and specialty outpatient care throughout Bexar County.

The University Health Center-Downtown, formerly the Robert B. Green Hospital, is now a comprehensive primary and specialty outpatient clinic facility.



The University Center for Community Health, home to the renowned Texas Diabetes Institute, is a major ambulatory care center devoted to research, prevention and treatment of diabetes.

There are four neighborhood primary care clinics (University Family Health Centers-Southeast, Southwest, North and Northwest), as well as three kidney dialysis centers. The Health System also provides medical services at Bexar County's adult and juvenile correctional facilities.

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Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSC). University Hospital, the Texas Diabetes Institute and the community clinics serve as the major teaching sites for many of UTHSC's health care programs including the graduate medical education program.



In 1994, UTHSC established a Texas non-profit corporation to serve as a contracting vehicle for physician services with University Health. This organization, today doing business as UT Medicine, is comprised of more than 1000 faculty physicians providing hospital-based and specialty medical



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services to University Health System patients. Membership on the medical-dental staff of the University Health System is extended only to practitioners who hold appointment to the faculty of the UTHSC.

San Antonio AirLife, jointly owned by University Health System and Vanguard, began operating on January 1, 1991. Since its inception, AirLife has provided safe and rapid transports to over 30,000 critically ill and injured patients. AirLife was named Texas Air Medical Transport Service of the Year in 1998 and 2000, and National First Responder of the Year by the American Trauma Society in 2001.



In 1994, University Health created Community First Health Plans (CFHP), a non-profit HMO, for the purpose of providing a means for participating fully in the State of Texas' STAR Program for Medicaid Managed Care. CFHP has evolved to become an important Health System and community resource for innovation in arranging and purchasing health care services.



COMMUNITY FIRST
HEALTH PLANS

In response to a growing uninsured population, the University Health established the CareLink program in 1996. CareLink is a membership program for Bexar County residents who do not have access to health insurance and who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare. Members must provide proof of residency and meet income eligibility requirements. Members pay co-pays for medications and services based on their family size and income.

To increase primary care services, University Health established Community Medicine Associates (CMA), a Texas non-profit physician practice corporation, in 1999 for the purpose of providing primary care physician services at the University Family Health Centers. With a customer-centered approach, CMA provides extended hours service, 7 days a week, at University Health's ExpressMed Clinics located at the hospital and four Health System locations.

In 2000, University Health System joined with Bexar County to sponsor the Center for Health Care Services (CHCS), the community's mental health and mental retardation authority. CHCS, established under the Texas Health and Safety Code, provides a comprehensive array of mental health, mental retardation, and drug and alcohol abuse services throughout Bexar County.

University Health System has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" report for six consecutive years, ranked in its 2005 "Top 50" hospitals list for respiratory care, kidney disease and hormonal disorders. University Health System is the only health system in San Antonio to receive this recognition.



University Health earned one of the highest honors in healthcare – the Solucient 100 Top Hospitals award in 1997, 2003 and 2004. This achievement is based on an analysis of more than 6,000 U.S. acute care hospitals, across four key areas – quality of care, operational efficiency, financial performance and adaptation to the changing healthcare environment.



University Health System also has the distinction of receiving Solucient's 100 Top Hospitals Performance Improvement Leaders Award for 2004 and 2005. University Health is one of just 15 major U.S. teaching hospitals to receive this recognition for demonstrating year over year improvement in clinical and financial outcomes over a 5-year period.