

St. John Health System

We have been here since 1926, serving Tulsa & the region...



The original St. John's Hospital (left) opened Feb. 22, 1926, at 21st Street and Utica Avenue. St. John has since grown into a regional health system that now includes hospitals in Tulsa, Owasso, Sapulpa and Bartlesville, as well as Broken Arrow (below), which opened in 2010.



... and we continue to grow today so we're prepared for tomorrow

Ninety years ago, hundreds of Tulsa residents donated money to complete a six-story, 50-bed hospital two miles south of downtown. It proved to be an investment that continues to pay dividends beyond what anyone could have imagined in February 1926.

St. John's Hospital opened to serve the medical needs of hard-working prairie farmers who had only just begun the task of building one of America's greatest cities. Rooted in the Catholic tradition of delivering Christ's healing power to the sick and needy, St. John Hospital helped Oklahomans weather Dust Bowl storms, the Great Depression, oil busts and booms, and multitudes of other challenges to emerge as one of the community's most trusted partners for life.

Today, St. John Medical Center stands tall as the centerpiece of a nationally recognized health system that operates hospitals in Tulsa, Owasso, Nowata, Broken Arrow, Sapulpa and Bartlesville. It has never strayed from its founding purpose. It is now a member of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit health system.

St. John continues to provide the best health care available to residents by keeping up with the latest medical research, acquiring the newest technology and attracting some of the nation's best trained physicians.

Nationally recognized specialized healthcare

Beyond providing the highest quality primary care, St. John has developed specialties in multiple disciplines of medicine that set it apart.

• **Heyman Stroke Center.** Every minute counts when treating anyone who has suffered a stroke. The Heyman Stroke Center opened as the first comprehensive stroke center in Tulsa, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The program has earned the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With the Guidelines (GWTG) Stroke Gold Plus Achievement Award for the past six years and the Target Stroke Honor Roll for the last four years. It is the only Joint Commission certified Comprehensive Stroke Center in eastern Oklahoma.

• **Oklahoma Cancer Specialists and Research Institute.** St. John will soon join forces with the Tulsa Cancer Institute to create a more comprehensive effort to fighting this disease and providing cancer patients with the best possible

treatment. In addition, St. John has become a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®. By partnering with the world-renowned institution in Houston, St. John has access to the latest clinical guidelines, treatment plans and oncology practices.

• **Kidney Transplant.** St. John has been performing this life-saving surgery since 1992. It allows a patient's diseased kidney to be replaced by the healthy kidney from another person. In 2010, the only Mayo Clinic, fellowship-trained, transplant nephrologist in northeast Oklahoma joined St. John's transplant team as its medical director.

• **Center for Joint Replacement.** St. John Broken Arrow has been recognized among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation for joint replacement surgeries. It earned the Healthgrades 2015 Joint Replacement Excellence Award as well as the highest five-star rating for total knee replacement and for total hip replacement surgeries.

• **Cardiovascular care.** St. John has been pioneering the latest heart procedures in Tulsa for decades. It was the first local hospital to implant a pacemaker, the first to perform bypass surgery and the first to do angioplasty on a heart patient. Today, St. John continues that leading role in the local medical community by providing all-digital cardiovascular imaging through the use of a cardiac-dedicated GE 64-slice CT scanner.

• **Trauma Center.** Trauma from motor vehicle crashes, industrial accidents, falls and violence are the leading cause of death for people younger than 44 in the U.S. In Oklahoma, injuries account for more premature deaths before age 65 than cancer, heart disease, stroke and diabetes combined. The St. John Trauma Center opened in 1997 to improve the care of patients with severe and multi-system injuries. In 2009, the Trauma Center became the only ACS-verified trauma program in northeastern Oklahoma when it was designated as a Level II Trauma Center.

Continued growth and advancements

St. John Broken Arrow continues to grow and gain national recognition after opening in 2010. The Broken Arrow hospital was named by the Safecare Group as the No. 1 hospital with fewer than 100 beds for 2014-15.

Construction is underway on the Broken Arrow campus



Telemedicine offers an innovative way of connecting physicians between St. John Medical Center in midtown Tulsa and medical facilities in suburban and rural locations to provide live consults and speed up care delivery.

just south of the hospital for Prairie House, an assisted living and memory care facility. Prairie House will offer 105 units for assisted living residents and include 32 units for people with Alzheimer's and related dementias. Prairie House will open later this year.

Last September, St. John Health System launched Tulsa's first service to schedule urgent care and emergency room visit times online. This web-based tool allows patients to know before they arrive what the current waiting times are before they leave the comfort of their homes. Those patients also can receive real-time updates via their mobile phone or email so they can avoid sitting in the waiting room before being seen by a physician.

St. John also is using the latest technology to provide the best medical care to facilities in outlying rural and suburban areas through a new Telemedicine Program.

The St. John Heyman Stroke Center is leading the pilot program. It can connect specialty doctors in midtown Tulsa with medical practitioners in other locations via audio/video equipment so they can confer on diagnoses and treatment options. It can save lives by reducing the travel and wait times so care can be administered without delay wherever the patient is.

This history of providing quality medical care to residents of Tulsa and the growing region promises that St. John will remain at the forefront of caring for our community and be ready to meet new challenges as they emerge.

"For 90 years, we have kept our promise of medical excellence and compassionate care," says David J. Pynn, president and CEO of St. John Health System. "With advancements in telemedicine, stroke care and other fields; a new alliance in the fight against cancer, and new facilities for seniors and physical therapy, we will keep that promise for many years to come."

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