

## FACTS...

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

Additionally, 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 one-third of Denver's population annually, and 40 percent of Denver's children.

Denver Health cares for:

- The special health needs of the entire population with services ranging from trauma care to the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center, and
- The needs of special populations such as the poor, uninsured, mentally ill, pregnant teens, persons addicted to alcohol and other substances, victims of violence, the homeless and those with AIDS.

#### **Denver Health Medical Center**

Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC) is Denver Health's acute care hospital. With 477-licensed beds, DHMC is one of the state's busiest hospitals with more than 25,000 admissions anually.

#### Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center

Denver Health Medical Center is home to the Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center (RMRTC), the region's academic Level I Trauma Center, certified for both children and adults. In 2010, the RMRTC was recognized by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as having the best trauma survival rates in the state.

#### 911 Emergency Response

Denver Health operates Denver's 911 medical emergency response system. In 2010, Denver Health paramedics responded to more than 78,000 calls for emergency medical assistance and transported nearly 54,000 patients to 12 area hospitals.

#### **Community Health Services**

Denver Health's Community Health Services manages more than 355,000 outpatient visits annually.

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

#### School-based Health Centers —

Thirteen 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.

Through Denver Health's 24-hour NurseLine, more than 85,000 patients get free and confidential answers to health-related questions, to avoid costly emergency room visits.

#### **Denver CARES**

Behavioral Health Services manages Denver CARES, a 100-bed, non-medical facility, which provides a safe setting for more than 23,000 detoxifying public inebriates each year.

#### Quality

- Lowest hospital mortality
- Lowest trauma mortality
- Zero maternal mortality

(Source: University Health Consortium)

# & 2010 Figures

Denver Health Medical Center.AdmissionsTotal Admissions25,027Medical/Surgical318	Denver Health NurselineCallsTotal Calls85,555
Non-ICU       3,108         Obstetrics       3,633         Pediatrics       253         Rehabilitation       167         Babies Delivered       3,438         Nursery       3,354         Nursery ICU       226         Correctional Care Medical Facility       204         Operating Room Holdings       1,335         Total Inpatient Surgeries       4,605	Community Health Services         Patient Visits           Dental         27,819           Family Practice         80,697           Level One Physicians         10,009           General Internal Medicine         98,886           Pediatrics         74,457           Women's Care         44,095           School-based Health Centers         19,946           Total Patient Visits         355,909
Total Outpatient Surgeries4,308Emergency Medical ServicesPatient VisitsResponded to 911 Medical Emergency Calls78,264Patients Transported to Area Hospitals (12)53,763Emergency Department Encounters63,461Denver Emergency Center for Children Visits9,933Adult Urgent Care Clinic Visits32,922Total Emergency/Urgent Care Visits106,316	Specialty Care Clinics         Patient Visits           Medical Specialty Division         17,820           Surgery Clinic         7,669           Orthopedic Clinic         18,508           Eye Clinic         17,846           Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic         4,237           Total Denver Health Specialty Care Patient Visits         66,080           Physical Therapy Encounters         96,663           Nutrition and WIC Visits         16,042
Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center  Pediatric Trauma	Denver Public Health Clinics         Patient Visits           Immunization Clinic         8,678           Infectious Disease/AIDS Clinic         17,185           Metro Health (STD) Clinic         16,683           Tuberculosis Clinic         11,062           Total Patient Visits         53,608
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