

# FACTS...

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

*Denver Health meets:*

🌀 The special health needs of the entire population with services ranging from trauma care and 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 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 through the entire course of illness. Integration also ensures that health care is delivered in the most cost-effective setting.

## **Denver Health Medical Center**

Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC) is Denver Health's acute care hospital. With 477-licensed beds, DHMC offers a range of inpatient medical and behavioral health services.

## **Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center**

DHMC houses the Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center, the region's academic Level I Trauma Center, certified for both children and adults.

## **911 Emergency Response**

DHMC also operates Denver's 911 medical emergency response system. In 2006, Denver Health paramedics responded to more than 73,000 emergency calls.

## **Rocky Mountain Center for Medical Response to Terrorism, Mass Casualties and Epidemics**

Formed after September 11, 2001, the RMCMR works to improve and prepare the Rocky Mountain region's medical response to both man-made and natural disasters.

## **Community Health Services**

Denver Health's Community Health Services program manages more than 320,000 outpatient visits and serves one-third of Denver's population annually.

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

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

## **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 attend to hospital patients, and clinical staff perform 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 department

visits or hospitalization. The Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center handles most minor poisoning emergencies by telephone. The center's staff of toxicologists cares for seriously ill poisoning victims in the hospital.

Through the 24-hour NurseLine, patients can get free and confidential answers to health-related questions.

## **Denver CARES**

Behavioral Health Services manages Denver CARES, a 100-bed, non-medical facility, which provides a safe setting for detoxifying public inebriates.

## **Correctional Care**

Denver Health provides inpatient and outpatient services to correctional care facilities in Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Larimer and Douglas counties, and the Colorado Department of Corrections prison intake facility. Denver Health also uses telemedicine to treat prisoners for minor injuries and illnesses, reducing the cost and security risks of off-site transportation.

## **Denver Health Medical Plan**

Denver Health Medical Plan, Inc. operates under Denver Health's Managed Care Division. Membership includes employees and retirees of the Denver Health and Hospital Authority and the City and County of Denver.

## **Physicians**

Denver Health physicians are salaried employees who retain academic appointments on the University of Colorado School of Medicine faculty.

Denver Health offers future health care providers training in 28 medical specialties and 23 allied health fields.

# & 2006 Figures

## Denver Health Medical Center

*Admissions*

Behavioral Health Services	1,499
Medical/Surgical	
ICU	1,976
Non-ICU	4,881
Operating Room Holding	1,252
Nursery	3,468
Nursery ICU	183
Obstetrics	3,874
Pediatrics	978
Rehabilitation	286
Correctional Care	609
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>21,285</b>
Babies Delivered	3,502
Total Inpatient Surgeries	4,510
Total Outpatient Surgeries	2,942

## Emergency Medical Services

*Patient Visits*

Medical Emergency Calls	73,889
Patients Transported to Area Hospitals	46,545
Emergency Department Encounters	44,827
Emergency Department Admissions	8,949
Pediatric Urgent Care Clinic Visits	18,597
Adult Urgent Care Walk-In-Clinic Visits	28,160

## Rocky Mountain Regional Trauma Center

*Admissions*

Pediatric Trauma	194
Adult Trauma	1,712
Emergency Department Observations	277
<b>Total Trauma Admissions</b>	<b>1,906</b>

## Occupational Health and Safety

*Patient Visits*

Worker's Compensation	6,964
Non-Worker's Compensation	10,226
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>17,190</b>

## DIA Clinic

*Patient Visits*

Worker's Compensation	3,104
Non-Worker's Compensation	8,220
Visitors and Travelers	453
Flu Shots	1,100
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>12,877</b>

## Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center

*Calls*

Total Human Exposures	113,270
Human Exposures Involving Children Age 19 and Under	67,994
Human Exposures Involving Children Age 5 and Under	54,161
Human Exposures Managed On-site/Nonhealth Care Facility	83,525
<b>Total RMPDC Calls</b>	<b>319,130</b>

## NurseLine

*Calls*

Total Calls	89,799
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## Community Health Services

*Patient Visits*

Dental	29,896
Family Practice Division	80,306
Denver Health Medical Plan Clinic	8,778
General Internal Medicine Division	76,344
General Pediatrics	69,969
Women's Care	39,407
School-based Health Centers	15,715
<b>Total CHS patient encounters</b>	<b>320,415</b>

## Ambulatory Specialty Services

*Patient Visits*

Medical Specialty Division	18,082
Surgery Clinic	6,578
Orthopedic Clinic	15,851
Eye Clinic	12,850
Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic	3,862
<b>Total Denver Health Specialty Care Encounters</b>	<b>57,223</b>
Physical Therapy	82,800
Nutrition and WIC	47,808

## Public Health Clinics

*Patient Visits*

Immunization	12,541
Infectious Diseases/AIDS	10,411
Metro Health Sexually Transmitted Diseases	16,875
Tuberculosis	17,716
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>57,543</b>

## Denver CARES Community Detoxification

*Episodes*

Detoxification episodes	24,431
DUI episodes	1,318
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,749</b>

## Additional Interesting Denver Health Figures

Birth Certificate Copies Issued	46,846
Death Certificate Copies Issued	35,021
Clinical Social Work Patient Care and Consult Hours	38,597
Inpatient Meals Served	627,509
Laboratory Tests Performed	1,277,831
Medical Imaging Diagnostic Exams (x-rays)	148,412
Outpatient Prescriptions Filled	609,000
Pounds of Laundry Processed	2,408,821
Volunteer Hours	17,954