The History of

Tampa General Hospital

As of 11/20/15

Affiliated with the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
From medical pioneers and local heroes to groundbreaking discoveries and technological advancements, Tampa General Hospital has proudly been at the forefront of medicine for more than 85 years.
The first of several facilities, which would later become **Tampa General Hospital**, is built.

The Gordon Keller Hospital is built on North Boulevard and the Gordon Keller School of Nursing is established.

Nurse Clara Frye turns a building on Lamar Street into a healthcare facility for African Americans.

Land on Davis Islands is deeded to the City of Tampa by Mr. D.P. Davis and a $1M bond issue is approved on March 19, 1925 to build the hospital.
Tampa Municipal Hospital, a memorial to Mr. Gordon Keller, opens on Davis Islands with 186 beds. The hospital is fully accredited by the American College of Surgeons.

The City of Tampa purchases Nurse Clara Frye’s hospital, renaming it the Tampa Negro Hospital. Clara continues working there until her retirement.
The City of Tampa places Tampa Municipal Hospital under the governance of a Hospital Board.

The City of Tampa opens a new, 62-bed hospital for African-Americans on Union Street at the Hillsborough River, dedicated as the Clara Frye Memorial Hospital.

Governance of Tampa Municipal Hospital returns to the City of Tampa.
The Tampa Municipal Hospital Auxiliary is formed and opens to both male and female volunteers.

Tampa Municipal Hospital officially changes its name to Tampa General Hospital.

An expansion of Tampa General Hospital results in growth to 514 beds.

TGH and Clara Frye Memorial Hospital are put under the governance of the Hillsborough County Board of Public Assistance.

TGH's governing board changes its name to the Hospital and Welfare Board of Hillsborough County.
A two-story addition, housing obstetrics and an intensive care unit, is added to TGH.

Governance of Tampa General Hospital is transferred to the Hillsborough County Commission.

The Gordon Keller School of Nursing is transferred to Hillsborough Community College.
An affiliation agreement between Tampa General Hospital and the University of South Florida College of Medicine is signed.

This agreement makes Tampa General the primary teaching hospital for USF’s medical school and residency programs.
First kidney transplant at TGH is performed.

The Clara Frye Memorial Hospital is demolished.

The Tampa General Hospital Foundation is established.

A $14.2 million renovation and expansion is completed.

Governance of TGH is transferred by a state legislative act to the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority (HCHA).
A $160 million bond issue is passed that will be used to triple the size of TGH.

TGH opens a 59-bed rehabilitation center connected to the main hospital by a pedestrian bridge.

The first successful heart transplant in Florida is performed at TGH.

TGH is designated a Level I Trauma Center by the state of Florida, and the West Pavilion is opened.
TGH begins its aeromedical transport program with one helicopter.

The HCHA rejects an attempt to convert Tampa General Hospital from a public to a private, not-for-profit corporation.

TGH dedicates an area of the hospital in memory of Clara C. Frye.

The Suncoast Ronald McDonald house becomes Tampa General’s neighbor.

TGH adds liver transplant to its transplantation program.

The Children’s Medical Center opens in the East Pavilion.
The HCHA approves the conversion of Tampa General Hospital from a public to a private, not-for-profit corporation.

Pancreas transplant is added to the TGH transplant program.

The first lung transplant is performed at TGH.

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The Times   Justices halt stadium challenge
TGH is going private

U.S. News & World Report names Tampa General one of the nation’s Top-50 Hospitals for Kidney Disease.

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A new outpatient surgery center opens, adding eight operating rooms.

The Joint Commission awards disease-specific certification in 11 specialties.

Tampa General Hospital receives Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The Bayshore Pavilion opens in phases, beginning with the Emergency & Trauma Center, Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit, and Trauma Intensive Care Unit. The remaining floors, including the Cardiovascular Center, the Women’s Center, and the Digestive Center open later the following year.

TGH earns the distinguished Consumer Choice Award from the National Research Corporation.
TGH opens the Jennifer Leigh Muma Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

LifeLink® physicians and surgeons join the TGH family as the Tampa General Medical Group.

Tampa General Hospital jumps from the 10th busiest to the 4th busiest transplant program in the United States.

TGH celebrates its 1,000th heart transplant and 300th lung transplant.

Tampa General implements its EPIC Electronic Health Record.

2009 2010 2011 2012
Ronald A. Hytoff, President & CEO of Tampa General Hospital, is named as one of the Becker’s Hospital Review’s “100 Non-Profit Hospital, Health System CEOs to Know” based on his experience, awards, and community involvement.

Tampa General Hospital is named the #1 hospital in Florida by U.S. News & World Report’s Best Hospitals 2012-2013.

In May 2012, Ron Hytoff announces his retirement after 16 years of service including 12 years as the President & CEO.

James R. Burkhart, DSc, MSHHA, FACHE, joins TGH as President & CEO.

2013 Tampa General Hospital’s level I trauma center for adults and children is the first and only program in Florida to achieve verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) for the quality of its trauma care.

James R. Burkhart, President & CEO

Ronald A. Hytoff, President & CEO
Tampa General Hospital and Florida Hospital Tampa Bay agree on a partnership to develop new clinical programs and services in the Tampa Bay area. The new partnership will help Tampa residents have greater access to health care services and will allow both Tampa General Hospital and Florida Hospital to expand their services throughout the community.

Tampa General Hospital became the first hospital in Tampa Bay and one of only three hospitals in Florida to offer an MRI-guided laser technology for minimally invasive neurosurgeries. The laser technology uses light energy to destroy brain tumors, resulting in more precise surgeries and faster recovery time for patients. Surgeons can view real-time images of the brain during surgery without moving the patient from the operating table.

In December 2014, Tampa General Hospital became the first hospital on the west coast of Florida to be awarded Comprehensive Stroke Certification, the highest national designation, from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program, a national certification organization recognized by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
In January 2015, Tampa General Hospital and Florida Hospital announced West Florida Health, a new jointly owned not-for-profit health care company. West Florida Health provides accessible, affordable care for the community by expanding the continuum of care available throughout the Tampa Bay area.

In February 2015, West Florida Health, the joint partnership between Tampa General and Florida Hospital, launched a new home care agency that provides home care services in Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco and portions of Sumter counties.

In May 2015, Tampa General Hospital received full heart failure accreditation from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC) for demonstrating its expertise and commitment to enhancing the quality of care for heart failure patients.

In May 2015, Tampa General Hospital received international recognition by Baby-Friendly USA, Inc. as a Baby-Friendly designated birth facility. TGH is the first hospital in Hillsborough County and one of only three in the Tampa Bay area to earn the hospital initiative.
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| 2007 | Top-50 Hospitals in **FIVE** specialties:  
  - Ear, Nose & Throat  
  - Gynecology  
  - Kidney Disease  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2008 | Top-50 Hospital in **SEVEN** specialties:  
  - Ear, Nose & Throat  
  - Endocrinology  
  - Gynecology  
  - Heart & Heart Surgery  
  - Kidney Disease  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2009 | Top-50 Hospital in **SEVEN** specialties:  
  - Diabetes & Endocrine Disorders  
  - Geriatric Care  
  - Gynecology  
  - Heart & Heart Surgery  
  - Kidney Disorders  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2010 | Top-50 Hospital in **SIX** specialties:  
  - Diabetes & Endocrinology  
  - Geriatrics  
  - Heart & Heart Surgery  
  - Kidney Disorders  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2011 | Top-50 Hospital in **SEVEN** specialties:  
  - Cardiology & Heart Surgery  
  - Diabetes & Endocrinology  
  - Geriatrics  
  - Gynecology  
  - Nephrology  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2012 | Tampa General Hospital is named the  
  **#1 HOSPITAL IN FLORIDA** and a Top-50 hospital in  
  **NINE** specialties:  
  - Cardiology & Heart Surgery  
  - Diabetes & Endocrinology  
  - Ear, Nose & Throat  
  - Geriatrics  
  - Nephrology  
  - Neurology & Neurosurgery  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Pulmonology  
  - Urology |
| 2013 | Tampa General Hospital is named the  
  **#1 HOSPITAL IN TAMPA BAY** and a Top-50 hospital in  
  **SIX** specialties:  
  - Cardiology & Heart Surgery  
  - Ear, Nose & Throat  
  - Nephrology  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Pulmonology  
  - Urology |
| 2014 | Tampa General Hospital is named the  
  **#1 HOSPITAL IN TAMPA BAY** for the  
  second year in a row, and a Top-50 hospital in  
  **FOUR** specialties:  
  - Cardiology & Heart Surgery  
  - Nephrology  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Urology |
| 2015 | Tampa General Hospital is named the  
  **BEST HOSPITAL IN TAMPA BAY** and a Top-50 hospital in  
  **SIX** specialties:  
  - Cardiology & Heart Surgery  
  - Gastroenterology & GI Surgery  
  - Nephrology  
  - Orthopedics  
  - Pulmonology  
  - Urology |
Recognition

**Trauma Verification**

2013 Tampa General Hospital’s level I trauma center for adults and children is the first and only program in Florida to achieve verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) for the quality of its trauma care.

**Magnet Designation**

2005 Tampa General Hospital receives Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

2009 Tampa General Hospital is redesignated as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

2014 Tampa General Hospital is redesignated as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and remains the only Magnet-designated hospital in Tampa.

**The Joint Commission National Quality Approval**

2005 Disease-specific certification in 11 specialties.

2010 Disease-specific certification in 16 programs.

2015 Disease-specific certification in 12 programs in the areas of:

- Benign Esophageal Disorders
- Burn
- Epilepsy
- Heart Failure
- Joint (Hip)
- Joint (Knee)
- Joint (Shoulder)
- Ortho Trauma
- Pancreatic/Hepatic/Biliary Cancer
- Sleep
- Uterine/Ovarian Cancer
- VAD (Ventricular Assist Device)
Recognition

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Accreditation
Tampa General Hospital has held accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities since 1973.

2014 Tampa General Hospital receives reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for adult and pediatric inpatient rehabilitation.

Comprehensive Stroke Certification
2014 Tampa General Hospital becomes the first hospital on the west coast of Florida to be awarded Comprehensive Stroke Certification, the highest national designation, from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program, a national certification organization recognized by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Recognition

National Research Corporation Consumer Choice Award
TGH earns the distinguished “Consumer Choice Award” from the National Research Corporation.


Burn Center Verification

2003 Tampa General Hospital’s Regional Burn Center becomes the first verified burn center in Florida.

2007 Tampa General Hospital’s Regional Burn Center is re-verified in 2007.

2013 Tampa General Hospital’s Regional Burn Center is re-verified and remains one of just three burn centers in the state to earn verification.

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

2014 TGH receives the “Get With The Guidelines – Stroke, Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.” This is the 10th consecutive year TGH has received the highest stroke performance award available for the program.
Recognition

American Heart Association

2013 TGH receives the “Mission Lifeline Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award” from the American Heart Association for providing exceptional care to patients experiencing the most deadly form of heart attacks. It is the hospital’s first time receiving the award.

Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems

2013 Tampa General Hospital’s Aeromedical Transport Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems.

American Hospital Association/Hospitals & Health Networks

2013 TGH is recognized by the American Hospital Association as one of the nation’s most wired hospitals in the Hospitals & Health Networks publication. TGH was the only hospital in Tampa Bay to be named among the 2013 rankings.

2014 TGH is again recognized as one of the nation’s most wired hospitals. This was Tampa General Hospital’s first time as a winner in the advanced category, in addition to being one of only 20 hospitals in the country to earn the national recognition.
Recognition

Beacon Award for Excellence
2010 TGH’s Cardiothoracic ICU receives the prestigious Beacon Award for Excellence.

2011 TGH’s cardiac telemetry unit receives a Silver Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). It is the hospital’s first non-critical care unit to receive the award.

Practice Greenhealth
2012 TGH is recognized with the “2012 Partner for Change Award” for its environmentally responsible operations.

Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE)
2011 TGH is designated as a Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE) site by the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing.