

Expert Resources

Subject-matter experts at Summa Health System are available to discuss topics and trends in the news, including:

Healthcare reform: As the healthcare reform debate in Washington continues to dominate the news, Thomas J. Strauss, president and chief executive officer of Summa Health System, can discuss the latest developments, the local impact and Summa's position on the issues.

Community benefit: No longer is community benefit defined only in the amount of charity care provided, number of health screenings administered or dollars invested - it's also the number of lives saved, communities transformed and jobs created. Dr. Steven Schmidt is interim president and chief operating officer of the Summa Foundation and can speak to the vital role nonprofit health systems play in advancing community health, economic development, medical education and research priorities.

Baby boomers come of age: According to the American Geriatrics Society, every eight seconds a baby boomer turns 60. Dr. Kyle Allen, medical director of the Division of Geriatric Medicine at Summa Health System, can speak to the unique healthcare challenges of this growing population as well as the effects this influx of patients has on America's healthcare system.

Medical innovations: Advances in medicine such as minimally invasive surgery benefit patients because of their shortened recovery times and lower risk of complications. Dr. John Fink is the interim chairman and program director for the Department of Surgery at Summa Health System. In this capacity, Dr. Fallon is actively involved in advancing Summa's surgical and educational capability through technology and research and can share what's on the horizon for patients and physicians.

Healthcare IT: Summa Health System is an industry leader in computerized physician order entry (CPOE), which has resulted in enhanced patient safety and shorter hospital stays. Greg Kall, CPHIMS, system vice president and chief information officer for Summa Health System, can speak to how the many facets of healthcare IT benefit not only the way patients experience healthcare, but also the way physicians and hospitals provide care.

Experts are also available to discuss a broad range of topics related to their specific areas of medical practice. To arrange an interview, please contact the Department of Public Relations and Public Affairs at publicrelations@summahealth.org.