

Summa Background

About Summa Health System

Summa Health System is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery systems in Ohio. Formed in 1989 with the merger of Akron City Hospital and St. Thomas Hospital, this nonprofit system now encompasses a network of hospitals and community-based health centers, a health plan, a physician-hospital organization, an entrepreneurial entity, research and medical education and multiple foundations. Summa is nationally renowned for excellence in patient care and for exceptional approaches to healthcare delivery through a diverse portfolio of operating entities.

Summa serves more than one million patients each year in comprehensive emergency, acute, critical, outpatient and long-term/home-care settings, and represents more than 2,000 licensed, inpatient beds on the Summa Akron City Hospital, Summa St. Thomas Hospital, Summa Western Reserve Hospital, Summa Barberton Hospital, Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital, Summa affiliate Robinson Memorial Hospital and Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center campuses. In addition, outpatient care is extended throughout the area in nine community health centers.

Providing superior, multi-specialty patient care, groundbreaking medical research and continuing medical education, Summa is consistently ranked one of the best healthcare providers in the country. Summa has been recognized for 11 years across multiple specialties as one of “America’s Best Hospitals” by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, Summa’s heart, emergency, women’s health, stroke, nursing and orthopaedics services have been recognized by organizations such as: the American Nurses Credentialing Center (Magnet Status), The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, American Osteopathic Association’s Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the American Heart Association, Thomson Healthcare (formerly Solucient), The Leapfrog Group and Premier healthcare alliance.

Summa continually seeks out new, innovative technology and treatment options for some of today’s most serious medical conditions – work that will ultimately improve and transform the way patients all over the world receive care. Summa invests nearly \$6 million annually in overall research support for many areas, including cardiology, cancer and geriatrics. Major research programs are supported by grants from institutions such as the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.

As a national leader in medical education, Summa supports the education of its physicians and healthcare professionals. Summa’s Akron City Hospital and St. Thomas Hospital are teaching affiliates of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) and include a staff of more than 1,200 physicians and 15 accredited residency training programs that foster a dynamic medical environment. Additionally, Summa Barberton Hospital has a family practice residency program through an affiliation with NEOUCOM. Summa Western Reserve Hospital is a teaching affiliate of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) and the Consortium of Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE).

Summa contributes \$2.8 billion in business volume impact to the Ohio economy and an additional \$99 million in state government revenue impact. As Summit County’s largest employer – with more than 10,000 employees – Summa is a leading economic engine for the region.