About Jackson Health System

For more than 90 years, Jackson Health System has been a cornerstone of the South Florida community, providing comprehensive medical care to all who need it. JHS is an internationally recognized academic medical system offering services ranging from routine care to rare, life-saving procedures.

Jackson Memorial Hospital opened in 1918 and is an accredited, tax-assisted, tertiary not for profit hospital with more than 1,500 licensed beds. It is home to Ryder Trauma Center - the only adult and pediatric Level 1 trauma center in Miami-Dade County.

Jackson Health System (JHS), an integrated healthcare delivery system, with more than 9,000 employees provides medical services to residents of Miami-Dade County. JHS consists of six hospitals: Jackson Memorial Hospital, the flagship, Holtz Children’s Hospital, Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital, Jackson North Medical Center, Jackson South Community Hospital and Jackson Mental Health Hospital.
Jackson Health System Key Milestones

1916  Construction begins on new $150,000 Spanish-style hospital at NW 10th Ave. and 10th St.
1918  Miami City Hospital opens (later nicknamed “the Alamo” by employees)
1918  The Miami City Hospital Training School for Nurses opens and Dr. James M. Jackson is named the first president of the medical staff.
1929  The cost per patient for each day is $4.98
1954  JMH and the University Of Miami School of Medicine sign a formal contract for the clinical teaching program.
1965  JMH is now a 1244 bed facility with 34 buildings.
1973  Dade County’s Board of Commissioners creates the volunteer Public Health Trust (PHT) of Dade County to oversee hospital policy and plan for the future.
1976  The 14-story West Wing opens.
1979  Following a successful employee-led campaign called “Save the Alamo”, the original Miami City Hospital building is saved from demolition, moved to its present location, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
1986  The University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center is honored as one of the 25 best medical centers in the nation, according to the publication The Best in Medicine. U.S. News and World Report.
1992  Ryder Trauma Center opens.
1998  A new outpatient diagnostic imaging center, breast health center, and employee cafeteria opens. Children’s services are expanded into what later becomes Holtz Children’s Hospital.
1999  The new Mental Health building opens. The capacity of Jackson Memorial Hospital is 1560 beds.
2001  Jackson South Community Hospital joins JHS.
2006  JHS acquires Jackson North Medical Center (formerly Parkway Medical Center) and now consists of 7 primary care centers, 2 long-term care facilities, 18 school-based health centers, 5 correction health services clinics, 5 mental health centers, and 5 hospitals.
2008  JHS celebrates its 90th anniversary.
Alamo Park
(Original Miami City Hospital Opened in 1918)
JHS Mission and Vision

“An Academic Health System with a Public Healthcare Mission”

Mission
To build the health of the community by providing a single high standard of quality care for the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Vision
To be a nationally and internationally recognized world-class academic medical center and to be the provider of choice.
JHS Values

Service Excellence & Quality
Commitment
Compassion
Teamwork & Communication
Respect
Confidentiality
Integrity & Stewardship
Culture of Inclusion